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Another volume of the Helper comes to its close with the present issue. For five years it has had an existence and endeavored to fulfill its appointed mission. It has obtained an acknowledged important place in our work and an honorable recognition among missionary literature at this early period of its history. Its character and aims are better understood, and its friends are constantly increasing.

The desire for more frequent publication has gained strength, and though the conditions proposed have not been met, yet, after consideration, it has been decided to accept the possible risks, and to send it forth once each month.

While the HELPER will be no less the organ of the Society, yet it is proposed to let it hint at least at what woman is doing in the various fields of benevolence and reform, thus broadening its power and influence, and, in other ways, to make it more truly what its name indicates. The plan is set forth in the prospectus.

Will not each reader heed the earnest Bible rule, "Go, tell your friends," and hasten to bring substantial aid by making up clubs and sending names of subscribers without delay? Let us join hands to make this undertaking a success, and let us not be chary of labor or expenditure to increase the facilities of extending a knowledge of Christ's blessed gospel.

THE ninth annual meeting of the Society was an interesting and important one, and will stand out in our history as significant of faithful, earnest work, and as expressive of a purpose to gather up our forces for greater things in the future. Each year's review more clearly indicates that a part of the mission of this organization is educative, and that its spirit of loyalty to the great command, developed through the concentrated devotion of its workers, is quietly but surely influencing our churches. The review presented in the reports of the secretaries and the treasurer, gave occasion for thanksgiving that so good a degree of success had been granted to the work of the year. The field abroad had been diligently cultivated, though the toilers were less strong, disease obstructing the power of some, and death having taken home others. In the department of the South, there had been no less faithful service.

A leading feature of the work reported by the home secretaries was, that organization had been recognized as a power, and that in many sections a chain of auxiliary societies, reaching from the churches up to the highest denominational divisions, had been formed. The refrain, "debt, debt," was not heard, the appropriations having been fully met.

The meetings of the Board of Managers were characterized by the usual prompt action. Unexpectedly the Master asked us to send forth another laborer into the harvest field, and all our hearts responded "Amen!" and arrangements were at once made for the equipment and the journey. One who had been in India for many years, and the grave of whose dearest earthly friend was there, was accepted as ours to support; and another who had served as a teacher, was appointed to the full work of a missionary, thus adding three to the roll of our missionary laborers: Miss L. C. Coombs, Mrs. D. F. Smith, and Miss Mary Bacheler. The justice of the increased compensation of others received attention, and home mission work, aside from the freedmen, was considered, and its claim acknowledged by setting apart a small amount for its support.

Faith grasped without hesitation the possibility of doing what seemed plain duty, and the appropriations for the coming year were considerably increased. Many who read, no doubt, will respond, "We will bring our offerings into the store-house, and there shall be meat in the Lord's house." To send abroad the bread and water of life is to-day the grand privilege of us all.

WE cannot forbear setting aside some things which claim attention with this closing volume, to give a place to the following communication to Mrs. Hills from our India mission These words have been wrung from a stout heart by the exigencies of the situation. Let us read them prayerfully, again and again, till we comprehend their full meaning. . . . "How I wish it were in my power to reach the hearts of several strong men fitted for this work! I can think of nothing else when I take up my pen for a talk with any American friend! . . . You won't blame me, if I decline to say or write one word about the 'sanitarium,' so long as we are in such deplorable need of men. We have no use for the hills while, overburdened, we are left to stagger, and faint, and fall at our stations. . . Oh! for dear Dr. Duff's fiery indignation, to show off this 'playing at missions.' Do you wonder that I feel anxious? Will you once more cry aloud for us? At least two men should come to our relief this year, or we begin a retrograde movement. Shall we advertise the mission for sale? There are several societies in Bengal that would be glad to take our field. Well, if I never write you again, I'll say now, that like the old negro, 'I'll die on the auction-block, if they sell us out."

Shall we let even a single day go by without an earnest, determined effort to send the needed reënforcements? It is according to the will of the Lord. Mothers who read, have you not a son whom you are anxious to have hear this call till he shall answer with a cheerful obedience? Have not the sisters a brother or friend whom they can influence to accept one of the noblest positions to which God calls his servants in this life? Send, send forth strong young men into this waiting harvest!

### FAREWELL!

Just now, as two of our own dear young women are speeding away to bear the gospel tidings to a heathen land, the following poem will be of unusual interest. It was written by Miss Rauschenbusch, of Germany, recently sent as a missionary by the Baptist Woman's Society of the West: "The translator has found it impossible to give the double rhyme of the German original, and she also regrets that much of its tenderness and beauty is lost in the translation."

My native land, now must I leave thee!

Dear vine-wreathed father's house of mine,
Farewell! And yet I hasten gladly,

Urged by the call of love divine.

'Tis no desire for earthly treasure
That makes me joyful part from thee:
A holy longing bids me follow,
An impulse from eternity.

Erewhile, I heard my Saviour saying, "My child, see what I did for thee, When on the cross I suffered, dying; And, say, what dost thou now for me?"

Long years, O Lord, have I been striving To do thy bidding, thine alone. Take thou my life,—ah! canst thou use me? Thou gavest my all, it is thine own.

"Wilt thou forsake thy native country, Of home and kindred bear the loss; To lead, with loving hand, the heathen, Poor, wandering sisters, to my cross?"

Yes, Lord, no higher lot is given
Than to devote one's self to thee;
I fear not sorrow, fear not parting,
My Master still shall be with me.

May I, in India, 'mid thy reapers,
With my ripe sheaves thine harvest swell?
Awaits me there so great a blessing?
I go: my native land, farewell!

-The Helping Hand.

"There was a barren spot on our lawn. We scattered a little grass-seed, but at the end of a month concluded it had been of no avail. Returning after a short absence from home, we found a luxuriant growth of greensward. In every seed we sow for Christ there is the germ of life, comfort, and beauty."

### REMINISCENCES.

[BY MRS. M. M. H. HILLS.]

(SECOND DECADE OF THE F. B. INDIA MISSION.)

It is not strange that laborers among a people glued to the worship of idols should occasionally despond. So Mr. Phillips wrote during this year (1853): "I get almost disheartened at times, on witnessing the stupid indifference of the heathen and the fickle-mindedness of some of our christian converts. I often fear that my whole soul is becoming dull and obtuse, like an old ploughshare which has been ground down among rocks and stones till it needs uplifting with the addition of well-tempered steel. . . . Still, the light is spreading continually, and when the Holy Spirit shall be poured out on this people, their minds, I trust, will be found to be enlightened and prepared to embrace the truth."

Towards the last of the summer, the corresponding secretary received a letter from his namesake, one of the native preachers, thus addressing him: "Elias Hutchins, Santal, with his family, and all the brethren at Santipore, send christian greeting and love to you, through Jesus Christ. We, through the grace of God, are enjoying much happiness and comfort, being cheered and encouraged in the true and spiritual worship of God. . . . In times past, when I was among those of my own caste, I resembled a beast of the field, without hope and ignorant of the knowledge of God, but He brought me forth by a strong arm from the darkness of idolatry, and through his great mercy, implanted within me the hope of salvation. If now, I look into the state of the Santals, my heart bleeds within me, for they are plunged into the mire of hopelessness, in a state of awful ignorance, and my heart grieves within me. For this reason I strengthen myself through the Word of God, and pray to him to lighten their darkness. Having been myself awakened to a knowledge of God, I feel that I am, of necessity, bound to speak the glad tidings of mercy to them. They are given to all manner of excesses. . . . Both men and women join together in worshiping Belial, and thus they pass their time. It is my earnest desire and prayer, that grace may be granted them to turn from their evil ways."

Mr. Phillips entered on his missionary excursions this year earlier than usual, prefacing them by a few days' labor in Santipore, the new settlement. He found Mr. Oliver managing both its temporal and spiritual interests very satisfactorily. He had just established a market for the convenience of the villagers and the people in the vicinity, which formed also, a good preaching-stand one day in the week. On the day of Mr. Phillips' attendance, his hearers were numerous and attentive. In several instances, tracts were called for by name; in others, they were returned with the saying, "I have this now - give me a new one," thus showing that their books were read and cared for. He was gratified in repeatedly hearing the remark, "It is the sahib's market, and no one can take things from us by force." The market was held in a beautiful grove, sacred to the worship of the goddess Hati-usu-ni. When the grove was cleared of the underbrush and put in order for the market, the broken goddess was thrown ignominiously aside, and yet not a murmur or complaint was made. Said Mr. Phillips: "So let all the gods and goddesses which made not the heavens perish from under the whole heavens!" The Sabbath, the day before he left Santipore, was, to him, a joyful season. Four persons, two of them Khond youths, desired baptism.

Next morning, Aug. 15, he found his return home a toil-some matter. As yet, no road had been constructed between the new christian village and his own station, and a heavy rain the previous night had laid most of the fields he had to cross, under water. He thus described the trip: "The syce led the way bare-footed and bare-legged, at times knee deep, anon to his waist, in water, while I followed, as best I could on my pony, now wading the fields, now threading my way on the crooked ridges raised to retain the water in the fields. We were nearly four hours in coming a distance of only seven miles, though, in our wanderings, we must have traveled ten or twelve miles." But his discomforts were all forgotten the ensuing evening in the social meeting with his school-boys, while he heard three of them pray for the first

time. Of one of them, Calvin Dodge, he said: "I was surprised and delighted to hear him use the language of prayer with so much propriety, feeling, and fluency. When he came to us in March last, he was just a savage from the jungle, and knew not a single letter. I trust his heart has felt, and is yielding to, the influence of the Divine Spirit."

Mr. Phillips now rejoiced in the completion of his missionary boat, as a means for greatly facilitating his missionary excursions. It was 28 feet in length by 6 in width, and fitted for sailing as well as rowing; 14 feet were closed in, forming a comfortable cabin. It had already been launched in the Subanreka River, near his house. Aug. 18, taking with him Mahes and Elias Hutchins, native preachers, he commenced his first trip, which led down the river to the ocean. stopping at the villages and markets within short distances of its banks, preaching and distributing tracts and portions of the Scriptures. At one of the villages the parties asking for books made numerous inquiries - first and! foremost - "What is the amount of your salary from government? Why do you take all this trouble to go about and distribute books at so great an expense? Do you expect to acquire holiness thereby?" Mr. Phillips replied, "We aim to obey the commands of the Saviour, who gave directions that his gospel should be preached in all the world - that all men may know and walk in the way of life. I am by no means the only one thus engaged. Hundreds of my brethren are dispersed in pagan lands for this very purpose. The gospel we preach is designed for all men, and adapted to save all who believe and obey it." He stopped five days in the bungalow at Baliapal, making short excursions in its vicinity. At Sanare market, six miles west, the people seemed really to drink in instruction, and sought eagerly for books, while none opposed.

August 25, they reached the mouth of the river. The native brethren, who had scarcely seen the sea twice in all their lives, were amazed and delighted. Said Mr. Phillips: "They could hardly believe but that there were villages a short distance on the other side. After an hour's leaping and sporting in the foaming surf, we returned to the boat. All re

up went the sail in a trice, which bent and swelled with the breeze most gracefully as away we scud, at a good rate, over the rippling waves." On the return trip, tidings came of Mrs. Phillips' illness, and as there were markets still to be visited, Mr. Phillips left the work to Mahes to finish, and walked twelve miles to reach his home. He said: "I started with shoes and socks on, but soon found that the more natural, more convenient, and certainly the more fashionable way of walking in this country, is without either, especially when one has to wade rice-fields in mud and water half-leg deep. I was reminded of Cudjoe's-' Please master, powerful bad spot this yer!' as I pulled my feet from the mud to plunge them as deep again the next step. . . Without a real necessity for a long walk in these days of carriages, cars, palkees, etc., there might be danger of forgetting what legs were made for: at all events, how useful they may be to their possessor." He found his wife severely suffering from ague, and what seemed like an attack of tic doloreux.

In the early part of September Mr. Phillips made a trip up the Subanreka River, visiting the villages near its banks. In Palasia, one of these villages, he was surprised and delighted, as a son of a friendly zemindar brought out a copy of the New Testament in Oriya, and asked him to explain it. Then he was listened to with attention and invited to repeat his visit. At Pabrarajpore, some of his hearers were disputatious. Said the leading genius: "Of course, God will judge men according to their deeds. And what then? Suppose the wicked get a sound beating; or are shut up in the dark for a season, what more can God do? Who would care to go to heaven, and sit there gaping, with nothing to eat? Go to hell?—I expect to, but what of that? I shall soon be back again in a new birth. We have lived so many generations in this religion, we are not now likely to change it."

Early in December the missionaries at Balasore, Messrs. Cooley and Smith, commenced a tour to the south of the station, which occupied Mr. Cooley nearly the whole month.\*

At Baranar he, too, found proof that their broadcast sowing

<sup>\*</sup>Mrs. Cooley joined her husband in a few days, and Mr. Smith returned to the care of the station.

of tracts and Scriptures was not in vain. As he was leaving the market, where he had been preaching, a lad, running after him, eagerly asked for a tract entitled, Destroyer of Delusion, and at the same time repeated a portion of it. He told Mr. Cooley that one of his relatives obtained it of him during a former visit, that the family had read it diligently, and he had committed most of it to memory. At Turgurree market, about two thousand had gathered, hundreds of whom listened attentively as long as the missionary had strength to preach and distribute tracts. At a market a few miles from Bhuddruck, he obtained a good hearing. Among his listeners was a mendicant, or religious beggar, known in the country by the various names, fakir, byragee, or boishnob. Said Mr. Cooley: "The country is full of them, and more filthy, beastly, degraded, disgusting objects are not to be found, I presume, this side of the pit. They extort their living from the laboring class, many of whom regard it as a holy act to feed them, while others do it through fear of their curses, which they pour out on those who do not feed them. When they do not succeed in begging in the ordinary way, they seat themselves in the door of the house and compel the family to make a donation before they will allow any one to pass in or out. When we remonstrate with them for their filthy habits, and want of shame in going about in a state of almost entire nudity, their bodies often besmeared with the ashes of cow-dung, they will answer that they are above being ashamed, they are too holy for that. The more shrewd among them thus accumulate a competence. The fakir that came to hear us seemed a good-natured fellow, and not at all displeased with our take-off of his class. He acknowledged that they were great scamps, and that our preaching was true; but, as to his giving up his profession, that did not seem to enter into the account. He said he had not shaved or had his hair cut for thirty years, and that his hair was seven and a half feet long. It was braided and wound round his head for a turban."

Mr. Cooley's journal of this tour had the following entry: "Bhuddruck, Dec. 16. To-day is Friday, and of course no markets to attend, as the people in this country have the superstitious notion, as well as in christian countries, that Friday is an unlucky day, and, so far as I am acquainted, they

have no markets on that day." Going out, however, at sunrise, he found the people ready to listen, though some threw out the old, thread-bare remark, that he preached to fill his stomach. He asked if they supposed he could not get enough to eat in his own country, without coming 16,000 miles? This silenced them. They used to say that government offered the missionaries 1,000 rupees for every convert they made; so very hard is it for their selfish souls to conceive that they come to their country for the sole purpose of trying to persuade them to forsake idolatry and sin and become Christians.

From Bhuddruck, Mr. Cooley went to Jagepoor, one of the most holy places in India,\* where he met Rev. Mr. Stebbins, general Baptist missionary from Cuttack, with his staff of native preachers, and with whom he had the pleasure, for a few days, of uniting in missionary work. They met with considerable opposition in this strong seat of Satan. On one occasion, when they brought the Ten Commandments to bear upon the sin of idolatry, the people set up such a shout that they could not be heard, and as they retired from the tumult, some followed, showering upon them dirt and gravel. "But," said Mr. Cooley, "We escaped better than the Apostles did." Jagepoor'is noted for its huge stone idols, cut out of solid block marble, perhaps a thousand years before the Mohammed dynasty. The missionaries found seven of them in one building. One of these represented Kalee, wife of Sebo or Maha dabe,—the destroying power. This goddess is only propitiated by blood. She sits on her husband, and has a necklace of a hundred human skulls. One hand holds the head of a human being, and the other a dish from which she drinks the blood of her victim. Said Mr. Cooley, "I asked the man who was pointing them out to us, if he worshiped such an object as that." "Of course I do." I asked, "Why do you do so? It is only a block of stone." "O," said he, "if I do not she will destroy all my posterity." In another place were three statues of enormous size, tumbled from their throne and lying with their heels up. It is supposed the Mohammedans plunged them into this position when they conquered the province.

<sup>\*</sup> See March-April issue of the HELPER, page 39.

### THE WORK AT OUR DOOR.

[BY MRS. M. M. PIERCE.]

THERE was never greater need of missionary work than now, and never greater encouragement to all workers. We hear of successful labor in India and Africa, China and Japan. The Bible is now read in Catholic Europe and in Moham-

medan Egypt.

But as Americans at home, we have the greatest encouragement possible for earnest endeavor. Our country is a microcosm. We have the world within our own domain. It seems as if God had planted a church upon these western shores, and political freedom with it, that it might be the central mission station of the world. An important question is, do we so preach, and teach, and live our faith that the thousands who come to us, attracted by our free institutions, per-

ceive its divine spirit?

Much has been done, and is still doing, to overcome the ignorance, intolerance and irreligion that are brought from foreign shores, but how little, compared with the work to be done, and our opportunities for doing it. The poor refugee from Ireland, fleeing from political oppression, as he believes, but really from the evils brought upon him by ignorance intemperance, and priestcraft, comes to us. He should be received with the open Bible and the temperance pledge, and constrained to accept them both. German beer-drinking and Sabbath desecration should be met at our threshold with the gospel and the ballot.

The Chinaman, with worlds of abuse, has received some light. Mission schools have been established for him in New York, San Francisco and elsewhere, and he has been found willing to learn. If christianized, he will carry the gospel to millions whom it would be expensive for us to reach

directly.

The Scandinavian, the Russian Nihilist, and the Jew; the French and German skeptic, and the heathen Japanese, are all here, to be saved by our faith, or to take it from us. Which it shall be, depends upon our consecration to the Master's service, and our prompt, intelligent action.

Our greatest duty is, perhaps, to the freedman. We owe him much, and much has been done for him; as witness—Howard University, Storer College, the schools at Berea,

Cairo and other places, besides the many churches. But thousands are still in need of religious teachers, books and schools. It is probably but justice to say that no race, nation, or class of people better repays the time and money employed in his intellectual, moral and religious training, than does the African in America. With slight opportunity, he springs into the ranks of citizens, reformers, and philanthropists.

It has been said that the Indian does not take kindly to civilization, but of late, effort in his behalf has not been altogether in vain. A few missions are succeeding, and some schools; that at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, numbering about three hundred students. Mr. and Mrs. King, formerly connected with our church and college at Hillsdale, are much encouraged in their work among the Chippewas. This tribe receive the gospel gladly, and are not averse to civilization. Though it is true that many tribes are still savages, and seem likely to remain so, yet they are little, if any, more unpromising than the natives of many foreign, heathen lands.

Has not the church a political mission when, as now, corruption reigns in high places, and our law-makers - some of them - are tipplers; when, in a republic, such things are possible as the "Refreshment Bills" incurred on the occasion of the Yorktown celebration and President Garfield's funeral?

How all these things are to be done we cannot foresee, but God will show us the way, if we are willing to do the work.

Cardinal Wiseman once said, "Give me the children, and in twenty years England shall be Catholic." In this work of temperance and moral reform, as in all christian effort that has for its object the evangelization of our own country,

our hope is in the young.

Let us then continue to plant and nourish mission schools, orphan asylums, and homes for the friendless; but let us especially work in and for our own Sunday Schools, seeking to make them attractive and efficient, and the training thereof thoroughly christian. Perhaps in no other way can we so speedily establish in our own dear land the kingdom for which we pray, and through its influence convert the world.

HILLSDALE, MICH.

Of the \$400 for the Industrial School only about \$100 is raised, and \$273 are wanted to complete the pledge of \$1,000 for Anthony Hall.

### A TRIBUTE TO MISS CRAWFORD.

[Written by Mrs. Seth Chellis for the Missionary Concert held in the Free Baptist Church, South Parsonsfield, Me., Sunday evening, July 2, 1882, and published by request.]

THERE'S a wail across the waters, From the distant heathen land; There's a shadow o'er the pathway Of our toiling mission band.

Never more in school or chapel, Will be heard the fervent prayer From the lips of this dear woman, Now beyond all earthly care.

Who can estimate this life-work,
Who can tell of braver deed,
Than to leave friends, home and country,
And the heathen children lead?

Lead them to the living fountain, Source of purity, of peace; She hath toiled to save the Hindu, And to bring a sweet release

For the heathen in their blindness, Bowing down to wood and stone. She hath taught them of one, Jesus, Who can save, and He alone.

O, the silent, sacred influence,
Of a life so truly given
To the Master and His service,
Pointing souls the way to Heaven!

Such a life will live in memory,
On and on through coming time:
Though she's dead, her work still liveth
Ever in that distant clime.

'Neath a tree of her own planting, May be seen her peaceful grave; And the winds now chant a requiem, As its branches o'er it wave.

She hath gone to live in Heaven, With the faithful and the blest, Safely in the arms of Jesus, Where the weary are at rest.

INDIA.—There exist in India special mission societies for lepers. Within a year twenty-eight of these unhappy sufferers have been baptized in several asylums in the north of India, nineteen at one place on a single day in September.—Missionary Outlook.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

[FROM DR. J. L. PHILLIPS.]

#### MISS CRAWFORD AS A TEACHER.

MISS CRAWFORD'S brief work in India was that of a teacher of the young. During her almost thirty years of active service in this field, she constantly had from a score to a hundred or more girls, of from three to twenty years of age, under her care. She fitted herself for teaching when a student at Whitestown Seminary, and no worker ever delighted more in her chosen work than she did. I wish to speak briefly of two or three strong points in her work as a teacher. Everyone who knew our sister needs not be told that she was a woman of strong points, and a stranger could not long be in her company without being made sensible of this. It was frequently my privilege, either as missionary in charge of the station or as superintendent of mission schools, to visit the institution at Jellasore, and to examine its pupils and pundits.

I shall write of what I often felt.

A prime point in a good teacher of children is love for the work. No one could doubt that Miss Crawford possessed this in a high degree. Her heart yielded no grudging assent to the daily demands on her time and strength, for she carried her work in her heart, and made it a part of herself. She loved children, and her love was warmly reciprocated. She was fond of teaching, and one could not pass an hour in her class-room without perceiving that this earnest woman had not mistaken her calling. This love for her work surmounted all obstacles, and made light of some serious disadvantages. One of these was her poor knowledge of the Oriya language, in which all her teaching was done. She once told me that there was not an Oriya grammar worthy the name when she came to India in 1851, and, judging from the books we have now, I presume she was right. It is possible that her eagerness to get to work stood in the way of thorough preparation for it. Unless a missionary learns to use a foreign language correctly in the first five years, he will probably be more or less of a blunderer in it all his days. Miss Crawford's Oriva was often wrong, her stock of words very small, yet she succeeded admirably in being understood by all who were accustomed to hear her speak. Sometimes

I wondered how her girls caught the idea from a broken, deformed, and fragmentary sentence, incorrect in idiom, pronunciation and accent, but they did. How that soul, illuminated with burning thoughts, pushed through all barriers of utterance until it came into actual, vital contact with other souls, was a marvel that never failed to impress and instruct me. The secret was, she loved her pupils, and that love leaped all barriers. The best disciplinarian, the first scholar from Mount Holyoke, or New Hampton, or Wellesley, would make poor work of teaching heathen girls without this true and abiding love. While it is the inspiration, it is also the

abundant reward of every good teacher.

Miss Crawford was also "apt to teach." Not every one who loves a work knows how to do it, though love as a rule finds ways and means of its own. Our dear sister's methods were not the most modern, and might be called old-fashioned. Our teachers' institutes and Normal schools in New York and New England thirty or forty years ago, when she studied, were by no means what they are now. But this missionary teacher made the most of the training she had, and used all her acquirements and appliances to the best advantage. Fertile in illustration, she pressed into her service whatever lay within reach. Her beautiful flowers, her cattle, her gamboling lambs, the sweet birds that sang their merry carols in the trees all around her quiet home, the fleecy, fleeting clouds above her, and the green ground at her feet, all were her helpers in instructing and impressing her pupils. With few tools ready to hand, this skillful worker made many of her own, and did her work wisely and well.

And there was one other strong point in Miss Crawford's character as a teacher. This was her remarkable devotion to her work. It may well be doubted whether ever man or woman toiling for souls on pagan soil kept truer to the great Apostle's stirring motto: "This one thing I do." And when looking for a text for her memorial service, none seemed so suitable as the same Apostle's words: "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain." We all feel that her strong devotion kept her long at her post, but that had she accepted proffered aid three years ago, she might have lived longer and done even better work in behalf of the mission. The last three years or more she should not have been left to work alone, for both body and mind needed succor. Of her last days others have written. We cherish her memory as a rich legacy. Her

life and work live on, while she rests from her labors. Her example should be an inspiration to many young women beginning work in this busy world.

# [FROM MRS. 8. P. BACHELER.] AN INTERESTING PUPIL.

One of our zenana ladies is the wife of a deputy magistrate, a gentleman who graduated with honor from the Calcutta University, and who is a progressive man. We have great pleasure in teaching in this house, for we always feel ourselves to be in the presence of not only a naturally born lady, but of one whose intellect and soul have been improved and enlightened. She was under zenana teaching three years before she came here, about six months ago. She is a good Bengalee scholar, and reads English very well, and she takes hold of her lessons just like a first-rate home student. One of her lessons is translating the English New Testament into Bengalee. She is in the third chapter of Luke. She translates it in her own words, which are often different from the Bengalee Testament.

Wonderful to say, her husband's mother respects her, the only case of the kind we have ever seen, and shows plainly that the absolute tyranny of the dreadful mothers-in-law, is only possible whenever timid ignorance binds down the poor little \*bos.

This lady would shine anywhere, and she has already made acquaintance with a number of her neighbors, and they have exchanged visits. One of them, the wife of a doctor, and one of our pupils, was at the house the other day, when we got there. Her covered palkee was in the ladies' court. She, too, is an interesting woman, and, we believe, a secret Christian. A word about her in passing. A few years ago her only child was dangerously ill, and hung between life and death for weeks. The zenana teacher told her to pray to Jesus with all her heart. She did, day and night, the child got well, and she told her teacher that from that time Jesus was her God. About six months ago her husband was bitten by a mad dog, and everybody said the bite would cause death. Even my husband, Dr. Bacheler, was doubtful. The wife went to praying again, and, according to reports, she literally fasted,

wept, and prayed day and night. Her husband seems perfectly cured, and she is more than ever confirmed in her faith.

Who would dare to gainsay it?

But to continue my story. While my pupil was reading, to the intense, apparent admiration of her visitor, all at once her countenance changed, her big black eyes rolled in fright. I saw in an instant what the matter was. The babu had entered the next room, and the iron bar of the door was not up. She sprang towards it, and with arms stretched out, with trembling, eager haste placed the bar across the door, and then the sense of deliverance that shone out in her face was most noticeable. The bare possibility that the babu might open the door of the room where we were, seemed to frighten her nearly to death. She had reason for the feeling.

MIDNAPORE, INDIA.

#### OPENING TERM OF STORER NORMAL SCHOOL.

The echoes of the departing footsteps of the "summer boarder" have scarcely died away, when the silence is broken by the tramping of the small army of pupils for the opening of Storer Normal School. The school commenced almost two weeks since, yet every train sets down one or two. From every point of the compass they come,—to-day from some remote corner in Virginia, with only a county for a post-office address; to-morrow from the mountains of Pennsylvania. We have already representatives from several states, and also from the large cities of our great country. It is pleasant to greet "old pupils," and to see the homesick look depart from the face of the "new pupil."

We enjoy our spacious rooms all the more by contrast with our crowded quarters and the discomfort of last year. The quiet after the confusion of having a large number of workmen about is most grateful. The work of classifying and arranging can go on unhindered by perplexity about where we shall put the next pupil who arrives. Several of our last class of graduates in the Normal department are already teaching in schools of their own. The demand for good teachers is by no means supplied. Too many places are yet held by incompetent persons because there are none

fitted to compete with them.

Our work is being recognized by the educators of the state. Surely the future was never more hopeful. But with

enlarged buildings and a growing school come increased responsibilities and expenses. We have not yet heard from the Anniversaries, but trust much to the Society to whose assistance the present efficiency of Storer College is so largely due.

A TEACHER.

### PERSONAL ITEMS.

MRS. JORDAN, of Portland, Me., has received the following cheering intelligence from Mrs. Burkholder. She says, "I received a letter yesterday (26th), dated Aug. 19 and 30, the last written from the steamship "Indus," on the western coast of Australia, near King George's Sound. Mrs. Burkholder says, 'I cannot tell you how very much better I am. The daily salt bath, with the salt air, has done me a world of good, and I cannot be thankful enough for the strength our Father is giving me. I am walking the deck with ease and pleasure.' The first part of the letter speaks of the great suffering of the previous weeks and of her extreme emaciation. Dear sufferer; we thank God for the prospect of her recovery."

Two new missionaries are added to our India force. Already Miss Emma Smith is on her way, having sailed from New York on the 23d of September, for Glasgow, in the steamer "Circassia," where she arrived on the 4th of October. Thence she was to take the steamer "Calcutta" for Calcutta. She goes to Balasore as a missionary of the Parent-Society.

On the 11th of November, Miss L. C. Coombs, of Lewiston, Me., recently appointed by our Board, will sail from New York. Her outfit is being prepared by the friends in Lewiston, with great readiness and pleasure. Both of these dear women will be followed with fervent prayer into the untried work before them.

Rev. and Mrs. Marshall, of Balasore, India, have sailed for home, Mr. Marshall's health demanding an immediate change of this kind. They will be warmly welcomed to their native land.

At the annual meeting of the Central Association, Mrs. Nellie Dunn Gates was appointed general secretary of mission work in place of Mrs. Griffin, whose duties as home secretary would not permit the added care. She desires the secretaries of Y. M's and Q. M's to notice the change, and report quarterly to Mrs. Gates, at Scranton, Penn.

### IMPORTANT PARAGRAPHS!

THE PROSPECTUS.—The attention of each reader is invited to the prospectus, which indicates the liberal things that are provided for the coming year. Let no one turn away from it without first considering whether she cannot renew her subscription, and secure at least one new name. Study the prospectus carefully, and please do what you can to increase the circulation of the Helper.

THE REPORTS.— Especial attention is called to the reports which form the supplement to this number. They are worthy of careful reading. One hundred copies are bound separately, to be sent to any address for ten cents each. It would be well to preserve this number, as it contains many things which are valuable for reference.

CHANGES.—Persons ordering a change in the direction of magazines, should give both the old and the new address. In sending for clubs, if the club has heretofore been sent to one person, and it is to be received by another this year, be very sure to so state the fact in ordering. If the agent is to receive them herself and distribute them, there is no need of sending the names of the persons who comprise the club.

SENDING MONEY.—Please send by post-office order, by bank checks, and fractions of a dollar in one or three-cent stamps. Please be very particular in regard to the latter request. It may seem a very small item to you, but all of the hundreds of stamps, beyond what are required for mailing and necessary correspondence, must be changed into money by the agent, and they cannot be returned to the post-office or received on deposit.

WRITE DISTINCTLY.—Please write all names and postoffice addresses distinctly. Should any one fail to receive her copy regularly, let the fact be known to us at once. Mistakes will occur, even if we all do the best we can.

And shall not the subscription list be largely increased?

### Women's Convention at Ocean Park.

Women are interested in woman's work, therefore all such readers of the Helper will expect to find among its pages for September a special report of the Women's Convention held at Ocean Park last month. A report for these limited columns must necessarily

be very brief, and so the merest outline only can be given.

The session of Aug. 9 and 10 was an interesting one, and compared very favorably with the other exercises of the Assembly. Its most important features were, doubtless, the large audiences of earnest women, and the practical nature of the papers presented for their thoughtful attention. It was quite fitting, also, since the mission element is being so largely developed in the christian womanhood of to-day, that the drift of the Convention should have been in the

direction of mission work.

The choice of Mrs. E. W. Porter for president of the Convention fell upon one who presided with grace and dignity throughout the session. The opening poem, by Mrs. J. A. Lowell, and the entertaining sketch of "Our Park Enterprise," read by Mrs. K. Bachelder, were a pleasant introduction to woman's first day. The earnest "Voices" which immediately followed, came to us from the west, the south, and distant India, and hold no second claim of importance at this hour upon our attention. Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Brackett, and Mrs. Phillips are "at the front," and they evidently called to us out of their hearts. Mrs. B. F. Hayes gave, in the afternoon, one of her sweet, spiritual talks out of the Bible, which was eagerly followed by many who came to the chapel with their Bibles. Mrs. E. S. Burlingame in the evening addressed a large and attentive audience on the subject of "Woman's Relation to Church and State." The dignity of the address and the weight and importance of its argument removed it far above the average clamor of that dreadful thing commonly styled a "Woman's Rights Lecture." Thus happily closed the first day.

The second day was equal to the first in attendance and enthusi-The morning papers were prefaced by the usual devotional exercises. Mrs. F. L. Durgin read in a spirited manner a paper on the "Past and Future Benevolent Work of the Women of our Denomination," which, as a review and outlook, was very encouraging. The papers which followed, on the "Importance of Educating our Children in the Work of Benevolence," by Mrs. G. F. Mosher, and "How can we reach Children outside the Sunday School?" by Mrs. G. C. Waterman, were full of practical suggestions, and deserved a wider hearing. Whether for good or ill, we are beginning in these days to attach more importance to childhood than was formerly thought advisable. The old saying that "Little children must be seen and not heard," is somewhat obsolete now, and the children of this generation are certainly allowed a much larger opportunity for early development than their elders were at the same age.

A "Practical Mission Talk with Question-box," furnished Mrs. V. G. Ramsey, in the afternoon, with an opportunity of using her gift as a speaker who quietly sends the truth home to the hearts of her hearers in words which are unmistakably direct. In the evening, Mrs. F. R. Wiley, M. D., read a scientific paper on the "Effects of Alcoholic Liquors upon the Human System," which was one of the most carefully prepared papers read during the Assembly. The "dreadful study of medicine" evidently has not impaired the modesty and womanly dignity of this student. She was followed in an able and strong address on "Lager Beer, and other so-called Harmless Drinks," by Mrs. Sarah Doton Goldsmith. Miss Nellie F. Reed added much to the interest of the temperance evening by her readings. She possesses a good voice, good taste, and has an effective address. The report would not be complete, by any means, without reference to the services of our gifted christian musician, Mrs. Martha Dana Shepherd, whose genial presence added so much to the good cheer of the Convention, and whose enthusiastic leadership, made the women's service of praise so helpful and inspiring.

Unfortunately, this report was not received until the September-October number had been put to press. It may seem a little late to present it, but surely the work done at this Convention is worthy of a review even now, and will stand as a tribute to the judgment and zeal of those who planned it and participated in it. It will be the ardent hope of all who read Miss Fullonton's account of the exercises, that they should prove to be only the earnest of much more that shall follow at this home by the sea. — EDITOR.

### RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the Society of the Rhode Island district was held with the Park St. Church, Providence, through invitation of its auxiliary, on the afternoon and evening of Friday, Oct. 20. Mrs. Dexter's health was so far restored that she was able to conduct the exercises. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dr. Spencer, and Mrs. Hurlbutt welcomed the workers in a brief and cordial manner.

The report of the corresponding secretary reviewed the work of the district under the new organization. The churches are taking a new interest in the cause of missions, not only by sustaining the financial part of the work, but by a larger representation in the business and other meetings. There are at present nine auxiliaries, five young people's societies, and four bands. The report of the treasurer showed receipts to the amount of \$1,006.17.

It has been the aim of the Society to meet the Basis of Work as laid out for them by the Woman's Board, and in addition some special work has been done at Harper's Ferry and in India. Reports were read by persons representing the auxiliaries and bands.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Brewster, which was heartily adopted.

Resolved, That we, the ladies assembled in the first annual meeting of the Society of the Rhode Island district, send our most

cordial greeting to the women in the churches of the western Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and most earnestly ask them to cooperate with us in making efficient this organization, of which they form a part, and also to participate in raising the amount of money for which the Woman's Board wish us to be responsible.

This additional resolve was presented: That we recommend to our auxiliaries, for the sake of greater harmony in our plans for work, and in reporting, that their annual meeting be held some time in the month of October. This was referred to a special committee for consideration. Mrs. Brewster was chosen to bear the greetings of this body to the meeting of the Massachusetts district, to be held at Worcester. An important meeting of the executive committee was held in the forenoon; one of its duties is to consider and recommend the objects of support and the amount of money to be raised during the year. Their suggestions, which embrace more work than formerly, were adopted by the Society. The officers of the former year were reëlected unanimously. An efficient committee was chosen to go among the churches, to help arouse a missionary spirit, and to assist in organizing; and another to prepare for conventions.

After adjournment a collation was served in the pleasant vestries, and an hour or more spent in forming and renewing acquaintances. At the evening session Mrs. A. T. Salley presented a paper upon "Why our mission work lags and what we can do to hinder the lagging," which was very interesting. Mrs. Tourtelott read a letter from Miss Franklin, a colored teacher at Storer Normal School, which showed their great need of help from our churches, and Mrs. Burlingame gave a valuable address on "The work and spirit of missions."

The choir sang the good old Missionary Hymn, and Mr. Ward, the pastor, invoked God's blessing on our work, and the pleasant day ended, with the union of hearts and hands stronger for the Master's service.

E. A. SAYLES.

### Words from Home Workers.

#### MAINE.

The Woman's Auxiliary Mission Society of the Penobscot Y. M. effer the following resolutions in token of love and esteem for the memory of Miss Rose A. Thurlough, secretary of the Aroostook Q. M.,\* who died at Maple Grove, Oct. 25, 1881:

Whereas, In the inscrutable providence of God, our faithful colaborer, Miss Rose A. Thurlough has been removed from us by death,

Resolved, That we gratefully and lovingly cherish in memory her untiring devotion to the cause of missions, and the faithfulness and energy with which she prosecuted her work.

<sup>\*</sup> Miss Addie M. Gammon, Presque Isle, is chosen to fill the place.

Resolved, That we will imitate her zeal in working for the Master, and in trying to extend His kingdom through missionary effort.

Resolved. That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to her relatives and

friends in their sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and also to the Missionary Helper for publication.

M. R. WADE, Dist. Sec.

Report of the Woman's Foreign Mission held in connection with the Penobscot Yearly Meeting at Houlton, Sept. 28, 1882. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. E. Harding. The following programme was observed: 1st. Singing by choir. 2d. Prayer by Rev. C. E. Woodcock. 3d. Reading records of last meeting and reports from churches. 4th. Resolutions were offered in token of love and respect for our lamented missionary, Miss L. Crawford, also for Miss Rose A. Thurlough. 5. Singing. 6. Recitation of poem from MISSIONARY HELPER, entitled, "A Little Seed," by Miss Hattie Ebbett. 7. Reading of an essay by Mrs. James Ebbett. 8. Reading of a letter from Mrs. J. L. Phillips, India, by Mrs. M. R. Wade. 9. A collection was taken, amounting to \$14.81. 10. Closed with singing.

A deep interest was manifest throughout the meeting, and we can but hope that impressions were made which will result in much good for the

mission cause.

M. R. WADE, Secretary.

A meeting of the F.B. W. M. Society in connection with the Bowdoin

Q. M. was held at Topsham, Sept. 28, at 10 A. M.
The usual devotional exercises were followed by the report of the secretary. An excellent essay entitled "Gather up the Fragments," was then read. Miss L. C. Coombs, now under appointment to India, in answer to a call for remarks, responded in a very sincere and interesting manner in reference to heart-work.

Twenty-four reasons were given for "justifying the zeal and activity of the church in foreign missionary work." Objections generally heard

to foreign missionary work were noted and answered.

Remarks from delegates seemed to indicate true feeling and deep missionary interest, and all expressed a desire for more knowledge and interest in, and devotedness to, this glorious work.

MRS. H. M. WHITE, Q. M. Sec.

Miss Chatto, secretary of the Ellsworth Q. M., writes under date of August 24th, that at the June session the two foreign missionary societies which were supported by the sisters were united, and expresses the hope that thereby the foundation for greater usefulness was laid. collection of \$12.00 was taken, and four new members, and five new subscribers to the HELPER, were obtained. A public meeting was held, at which far greater interest was manifested than ever before.

A Woman's Missionary Meeting was held, in connection with the Springfield Q. M., at Chester, Saturday, Sept. 2d. Mrs. Graves, president of the society, opened the meeting with prayer. The exercises were conducted by Rev. J. S. Staples, by request of the president, and consisted of singing, introductory remarks by Rev. H. Graves, reading "Reminiscences of Miss Crawford's Life," from the HELPER, by Mrs. Carr, and a paper on "Our work in India," by Mrs. Staples. Rev. J. Carr spoke of his interest in the work at Harper's Ferry. Several ladies present spoke of their interest in missionary work, and willing-

ness to aid in it.

There were many tributes paid to the memory of dear Miss Crawford. Rev. H. Graves spoke in behalf of the Helper, and urged the importance of more copies being taken. At the close there was a collection for Foreign Missions. This society labors under disadvantages. The Q. M. extends over a large area, and is composed of small churches situated in farming districts so widely apart as to make it very difficult to sustain auxiliary societies, yet the meeting indicated that the missionary spirit is increasing and becoming diffused throughout the Quarterly Meeting.

MRS. A. H. STAPLES.

Last November, Mrs. Ramsey met with us at our Quarterly Meeting at East Hebron, and organized this, the Otisfield Quarterly Meeting Society, telling us our quota towards the support of Miss Bacheler

for the year would be \$60.

We felt it was a great undertaking for us to think of raising that amount in this small Quarterly Meeting, where so many churches were without pastors, especially as there was but one organized auxiliary in the whole Quarterly Meeting, and that with only twelve members. However, we resolved, God being our helper, we would try to raise this amount. We have succeeded, and I cannot speak the gladness and gratitude of all our hearts that our kind Heavenly Father has so wonder-

fully blessed our efforts.

We are also grateful for the increased interest and zeal in missionary work among the women of this section. We now have four auxiliaries with sixty-two members. The one at East Otisfield 20, at Harrison 24, at Canton 11, at Sumner 7. We hope and trust that another year will see an auxiliary in every church. Even if small in numbers it will be a great blessing to the members, and each little helps to make the aggregate large. Last Q. M. our auxiliary workers held a very interesting public service at East Buckfield. Mrs. O. Roys and Mrs. H. Ripley, president and vice-president, of Canton, presiding, assisted by Mrs. S. Hemp, of E. Otisfield, Mrs. H. Hollis, of Sumner, and Mrs. Flint, of Sweden.

I must compare this session with the first held after this society came into being. Then we had but four women present who were members of any mission society whatever; now a strong little band

of earnest women, who are ready to do all they can.

We have received during the year three excellent letters from Miss Bacheler, which have been a great help in binding us to her in a close bond of christian sympathy. May God bless her abundantly with the power of His spirit, and stay up the hands of all His workers wherever they may be found.

MRS. L. R. BARROWS, Q. M. Secretary.

DEAR READERS OF THE HELPER: It has been some time since I have sent you an account of our work in this section, and I fear you may think we have been resting during our silence, but such is not the case, but rather, we have been trying to do what we could to advance

this good work. Our last public meeting was held at Abbott, Sept. 16th. The exercises consisted of prayer by Rev. F. E. Briggs; singing by children; recitation by Merir Fogg; reading of original essay by Mrs. M. E. B. Tourtillotte, which was listened to with close attention, and could not fail to awaken a deeper interest in the hearts of all mission workers, and impress upon them the necessity of immediate response to the cry of our mission in India; remarks by Rev. E. C. Cook, addressed principally to the young. Brothers Kenney and Gerry each followed with brief but appropriate remarks. A collection was taken which amounted to eleven dollars.

ANNIE E. BRYANT, Secretary.

#### VERMONT.

In connection with Vermont Y. M., which was held at Lyndon Center, a service of the Woman's Missionary Society was observed on the eve of September 9th. The meeting was opened by prayer offered by Mrs. Milliken, of West Derby, which was followed by excellent and appropriate singing by the choir. Reports being in order, Mrs. G. M. Prescott gave a brief but interesting history of the mission work in Wheelock Q. M. This was followed by reports from other auxiliaries, with a partial annual report, and by earnest solicitations for more interest in the work, for more of a missionary spirit. Mrs. Waterman, of Dover, N. H., read an interesting letter from Mrs. Hills, of that city, accompanying it with brief and pertinent remarks. A selection was read by Mrs. Owen, of Lyndon Center, comparing the earlier statistics of missionary efforts with the present. We regret the omission of the reading of a paper from the Bureau of Exchange, prepared by Mrs. J. M. Burgin, of the Huntington Q. M. A resolution was read recommending the women in Vermont, in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society, to make the support of Mrs. D. F. Smith their special duty and care. Remarks by Rev. G. C. Waterman favoring the woman's missionary work were encouraging. A collection was taken, amounting to \$9.22. By request, Father Woodman offered prayer, entreating the Lord for more men to enter our mission Mrs. F. P. EATON, Dist. Sec. field.

#### NEW YORK.

Mrs. B. F. Brown, secretary of the Jefferson Q. M. Society, writes: The year ending September 1st, finds us still in the field, with the usual interest, but hoping for still more extended effort. In our four auxiliaries we have about seventy members, and have raised \$102.36 the present year, with a collection of \$9.00 at our Yearly Meeting. There are taken thirty copies of the MISSIONARY HELPER within our limits, and we are preparing a box to send to Harper's Ferry. We feel that we should do willingly what "our hands find to do," while we pray that "the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into his harvest."

DEAR HELPER: And a helper your are in very deed, as you are bringing nearer to us, each day, the mission field and the work which has hitherto, and for so long a time, seemed so far away and so little understood. We have, in connection with the Oswego Q. M., a W. M. Society, numbering one hundred and twenty-five members, and we are casting in "our mite" toward the mission cause, for God and

humanity. At our last public meeting, held at Constantia, September 2d, we enjoyed an interesting and profitable session. A short programme was carried out, consisting of singing, recitations, select reading, essays, etc., after which, Rev. Mr. Linderman gave a short sketch of the life of Miss Emma Smith, and suggested that the meeting, in view of the near approach of her departure for India, present her with a token of its appreciation of the great work she is about to undertake. The call was cheerfully responded to, and \$15.15 was raised toward a watch. Our regular collection amounted to \$3.87.

CLARA J. KLOCK, Secretary.

#### Оню.

The second Rutland auxiliary recently held its first annual meeting. We shall pray and work for an increase of interest and numbers this year. We feel that we should be very weak indeed, were it not for the aid of our honorary members, whose presence and words of encouragement impel us in the good work.

MALVINA CHASE, Secretary.

The August session of the Seneca and Huron Q. M. Society was held with the South Bloomville church, Saturday evening, August 19, Mrs. Eastman, the president, conducting the exercises. Prayer was offered by Miss E. Huffman, of Venice, and the 91st Psalm was read by Mrs. Walker of Attica. The corresponding secretary and treasurer presented a report of the condition, so far as she was able, of the mission work for the past year, and gave the amount raised, which was \$52.08. Then followed the exercises, which brought to us all much of pleasure and profit. Mrs. Sponceller gave a select reading, "She hath done what she could," and Miss Shalter a recitation. Miss McKibben, of Lykens, read a very interesting extract from a letter of Dr. Nellie Phillips of India. Mrs. Robinson, of Bloomville, Mrs. LaRue, of Tiffin, and Mrs. Clark, of New Haven, made short addresses. An effective essay on mission work, "In union there is strength," was presented by Mrs. Mary Eastman. These were followed by an earnest and touching address by Rev. S. D. Bates, of Marion, and also by Rev. Mr. Dinsmore, of Prairie City, Ill.

It was our annual meeting, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss E. Huffman; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Clark; Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Huffman, Venice; Treasurer, Miss L.

Shalter, South Bloomville.

A collection was taken for the benefit of Harper's Ferry, of \$4.73. Our society is still in progress, there being forty-one members in the society at present, and forty who subscribe for the Helper. As for me, I could not do without it.

Mrs. J. W. Huffman, Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN.

The August session of the Waupun Q. M. convened with the Grand Prairie Union church. The Q. M. W. M. Society held its public meeting on Saturday evening. The president, Mrs. King, conducted the exercises and read the Bible lesson. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. N. Wright. The auxiliary of the Grand Prairie church had provided an excellent entertainment, mingling instruction with pleasure. The choir furnished music; an essay was read by its president, Mrs. L. Perrine, and a poem

by Mrs. King; "The Young Solicitors," a dialogue, was well rendered by several young ladies; another poem was presented by Mrs. Bassett, and "The Missionary Colloquy," by five young ladies, was followed by an address by Rev. J. H. Walrath. The exercises closed with prayer offered by Mrs. Pope, and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Hull. We feel encouraged by the deep interest manifested at this meeting, and by the presence of many earnest workers. We need just such encouragement often, for our society has been organized only about eight months, and has but few members. We do not expect to do a large work, but are willing to put forth every effort we can for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Amount of money raised thus far is \$18.64.

Mrs. V. V. WADLEIGH, Cor. Sec. Address, Fox Lake, Dodge Co.

Mrs. O. H. True says that a dear old lady, too feeble to attend church, wishes to pay for the HELPER which she desires to continue to visit her, and that she sends one dollar that may be applied for the payment of any teacher in India. She wishes it known to the workers that she has not forgotten them, nor the work in which they are engaged.

#### MICHIGAN.

The W. M. S. of the Montcalm, Mich., Quarterly Meeting, held its last session in the Greenville church, Sept. 16th. Officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. D. H. Lord, Vice-President, Mrs. Moses Bennett; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. O. Dickinson.

A programme, consisting of music, essays, and select reading, was rendered, and a collection taken amounting to \$4.38, equally divided between the Home and Foreign Mission.

MRS. E. O. DICKINSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### ONTARIO.

Mrs. Z. F. Griffin writes that during her recent trip to Canada she spent a few precious days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, of St. Thomas, Ontario. They are warm friends of the HELPER and of mission work, and christian workers are always warmly welcomed to their pleasant home.

Mrs. Williams gave to missions a beautiful quilt, asking Mr. and Mrs. Griffin to dispose of it for her. It was taken to the Central Association and sold for \$77. The money goes to missions, and the quilt was presented by the association to their president, Dr. Ball. Mrs. Lumley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, was appointed president of the W. M. Society organized by Mrs. Griffin at Iona. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, the good pastor and wife at Iona, entered so heartily into the organization of the society there, that we can but expect it to be a success. Bro. Moore may be able to begin the same work ere long at other points.

New Hampshire district is divided, Mrs. H. F. Wood having care of the lower section, and Mrs. C. W. Griffin the upper. The latter name is omitted in the list of officers, by mistake.

# Children's Miche.

### IDOLS.

[An Exercise for Mission Circles - with Motions.]

#### SINGLE VOICE

Children, do you the story know Of idol gods? And can you show What they are like, and by whose hands Are formed the gods of heathen lands?

[Recitation by all of Psalm cxv., 2-8, with motions.]

#### FIRST CHILD.

King David, in his Psalms, hath told Their idols silver are, and gold; Only the work of human hands, The gods of far off heathen lands.

#### ALL IN CHORUS.

Our God is in the heavens above, We'll praise him with full hearts of love; We'll shout hosannas to his name, While heaven and earth his power proclaim.

#### SECOND CHILD.

They all have mouths, but cannot talk; They all have feet, but cannot walk; Two eyes that cannot see have they, A tongue that not a word can say.

#### THIRD CHILD.

Two ears that ne'er a sound have heard, Hands that for work have never stirred; Each has a nose that cannot smell, A throat through which no note doth swell,

#### FOURTH CHILD.

So every one that trusteth them, These worthless idols wrought by men, They, too, who make them with their hands,

Are like these gods of heathen lands.

[Recitation, with motions, of Isaiah xliv. 12-20.]

#### SINGLE VOICE.

Now folded be your little hands; Then, all together, you may tell How unlike gods of heathen lands Is our great God, we love so well.

#### CLASS.

If we our love to him confess, He will be mindful us to bless; He has enough to spare for all, Holds wide his arms to great and small.

What priceless blessings thus are given, By him who made both earth and heaven; The earth for man to dwell on, gave: In heaven he waits our souls to save.

Oh, let us praise him with each breath, Before our eyelids close in death; E'en now begin to sing his praise, E'en now to him glad songs we'll raise. (Chorus.)

- Good Times.

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In India there are cow festivals, when the animals are decked with ornaments. Sometimes a half-dozen necklaces of shells will be put about the neck, bright bits of colored flannels and shells about the ankles and feet, and a fancy head-dress on the head. It is a sad sight, for the people think they are gods and worship them.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM AUGUST 1, 1882, TO OCTOBER 1, 1882.

#### MAINE.

Augusta, Auxiliary, for Emeline. \$6 00 Bangor, Auxiliary. \$5.00 5 00 Bowdoinham. Auxiliary, \$8.00 for native teacher; \$5.00 to constitute Mrs. G.W. Gould L. M. \$13 00 To constitute Mrs. M. H. White L. M. 46 00

#### Brunswick, 1st Church, Auxiliary, for Orna, with Mrs. J. L. Phillips....

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Miss M. Bacheler's support.	2 00	Danville, Auxiliary	2 00
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Mrs. Eliza J. Sanders L. M.	15 00	L. M	15 00
Green, Aux., for native teacher	6 00	New Market, Auxiliary, .60 for	
Hartland	50	Brackett's salary	10 60
Higginsville, col	5 00		\$46 60
Hodsdon, Church Kenduskeag, Mrs. J. Banks	5 00	VERMONT.	\$40 00
S. P. Emerson	50		
Kingfield, Auxiliary	4 39	Corinth, 2d Church, Auxiliary, \$2.75; Children's Band, 25c.	
Lewiston, Pine St., Auxiliary, for		East Orange, Auxiliary, for F. M.	7 90
Mamie Brackett, and towards		East Williamston, Auxiliary	5 00
constituting Mrs. J. B. Jor-		No. Randolph, Mrs. E. Jenness	3 00
dan L. M	4 00	for Incidental Fund	10
Main Street, Auxiliary, 94c. towards the extra \$40 of M188		So. Strafford, Auxiliary, zenana	
Franklin's support	20 60	Y. M. col. at W. Meeting	5 00
Main St., S. S. class 21, for		St. Johnsbury, Auxiliary, towards	9 16
Main St., S. S. class 21, for support of a teacher in India,		constituting Mrs. H. Lock-	
and to constitute (with \$16		hart L. M	5 00
previously sent) one of the		Washington, Children's Band for	,
Mrs. B. F. Hayes for Indus-	4 00	zenana work	2 50
trial School building	5 00		A
Maplewood, Aux., for "Gouri".	5 00	***************************************	\$36 76
New Portland, Auxiliary	2 00	MASSACHUSETTS.	
No. Boothbay, Mrs. F. A. Palmer		Abington, Mrs. H. K. Pierce, \$4	
and her Sunday School class,		for F. M.; Mrs. M. J. Tal-	
for Miss Ida Phillips' support	2 00	bot, \$2 for H. M.; and Mrs. M. B. Nash, \$2 for H. M	0
Portland, Auxiliary, for Anna Koonjah	20 00	Amesbury, Mrs. I. M. Lamprey.	8 00-
Mrs. R. Deering, for Indus-	20 00	Amesbury, Mrs. J. M. Lamprey, for Harper's Ferry	1 00-
trial School	10 00	Mrs. B. F. Carter, for F. M.	1 00
Richmond, Auxiliary	6 50	Blackstone, "Missionary Band,"	
Rockland, Auxiliary, for native		for Miss Franklin's salary	5 00
teacher	10 00	Auxiliary, for Miss H. Phil-	
Saco, Auxiliary, for Miss M.	11 00	Auxiliary for Miss Franklin's	5 00
Bacheler's support	11 00	support	2 50
complete her L. M	10 00	For Literature and Incidental	- 30
Sebec. O. M. Auxiliary, \$6,25 for		Fund	25
Anjanee; \$16.22 for general		Mission Band, for Miss Ida	-
work	22 47	Phillips' support	1 25
Springvale, Mrs. Wilkinson, for		Haverhill, Auxiliary, for native	
Industrial School building Miss Ora Brown, for Industrial	1 00	teacher, \$4, to constitute Miss Merrill L. M.; and \$8	
School building	1 00	toward constituting Miss Au-	
Miss Clara Purington, for Indus-		gusta Garland L. M	12 00
trial School building	25	Lowell, Auxiliary	23 89

Taunton, Auxiliary For Incidental and Literature	5	00	NEW YORK.		
Fund	1	00	Ashford, Miss L. Fox, for H. M. Genesee, Q. M. Auxiliary, for	2	9
	\$65	80	zenana work.		50
RHODE ISLAND.	*03	-9	Fabius, Mrs. E. Peck		00
			Poland, for Ambie's salary	7	50
Arlington, Church, for Miss			Russia, Mrs. A. Coon, one-half for H. M. and one-half for F.		
Franklin's salary	1	00	M	.6	00
Carolina, Young People's Society, \$2.50 for Miss H. Phillips;					_
\$1.25 for Miss Franklin; 25				\$33	95
cents for Incidental and Liter-			WEST VIRGINIA.		74
ature Fund	4	00			
Greenville, Auxiliary, for Miss			Harper's Ferry, Sunday School	4	52
H. Phillips' support	10	00	OHIO.		
Pascoag, Auxiliary, for Miss H.			Seneca and Huron O. M. Auxili-		
Phillips' support	10	50	Seneca and Huron Q. M. Auxiliary, \$10.77 for F. M. and		
Young People's Society, for Miss Franklin's salary	10	00	\$4.70 for Harper's Ferry	15	47
Young People's Society, for	10	00		-	
Literature and Incidental Fund	1	00	ILLINOIS.		
Pawtucket, Auxiliary, \$6.25 for	-	-	Prairie City, Auxiliary, for native		
Anthony Hall; 25 cents for	+		teacher	IO	25
Literature and Incidental Fund	6	50	WISCONSIN.		
Little Workers, for Miss		-			
Franklin's salary	2	50	Grand Prairie, W. M. Society, \$10 for F. M. and \$8.45 for		
Little Workers, for Miss Ida	_		Harper's Ferry	. 2	40
Phillips' support Providence, Greenwich St., Young	7	50	No. of the last of	18	45
People's Union, \$2.50 for			IOWA.		
People's Union, \$2.50 for Miss Franklin; \$2.60 for Miss Ida Phillips; 50 cts. for Literature and Incidental Fund			Agency City, Mrs. E. A. Dudley,		
Miss Ida Phillips; 50 cts. for			for F. M	5	00
Diffiginic and Incidental Land	5	50	Wilton, Auxiliary, for F. M		90
Roger Williams," Busy Glean-				-	_
ers," \$38 for Miss H. Phillips;				\$8	00
\$12 for Miss Franklin	50	00	MINNESOTA.		
Young People's Society, for Miss Hattie Phillips	10	~	Champlain, Auxiliary, for F. M.		
Tiverton, Church, \$5 for Miss		~	and to constitute Mrs. C. L.		
H. Phillips: St.2s for Ragged			Russell L. M	6	00
Schools; 25 cents for Inciden-			Sunday School, for Miss Ida		
tal and Literary Fund	6	50	Phillip's support	5	00
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Greenwich St., Auxiliary, for	3	00	Stanstead, Auxiliary, for zenana		
Miss H. Phillips' support	6	25	teacher with Mrs. Bacheler	8	00
Park St., Little Helpers, for	-	-	Total	1260	07
Lincoln School House and to					
constitute Mrs. Lincoln L. M.	10	00	Miss L. A. DEMERITTE, 79	-	
Park St., Auxiliary, for Miss	_	[	per Mrs. M. S. WATERMAN		
H. Phillips' support	5	75	Dover, N. H. Assistant	Trea	ıs.
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Roger Williams, Auxiliary, for		-	FOR HOME MISSIONS WI	CST	
Miss H. Phillips' support	15	00			
Roger Williams, Auxiliary, for	- 3	-	Taunton, Mass	:	50
Miss Franklin's salary	5	00	RHODE ISLAND.		
Roger Williams, Auxiliary, for	-		Carolina, Young People's Society	2	25
general fund	1	25	Providence, Greenwich St., Young		
Roger Williams, Auxiliary, for			People's Union		50
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### NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

### MINUTES.

THE Woman's Missionary Society convened in the Free Baptist Church at Great Falls, N. H., on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1882. There was a fair attendance. Its president, Mrs Burlingame, called the meeting to order, and occupied the chair during its sessions. Mrs. Hayes, of Maine, offered prayer, asking for the divine power and guidance.

The reports of the secretaries and the treasurer having been presented to the Board, their reading was deferred till anni-

versary morning.

The report of the committee on obtaining a charter for the Society was given by Miss DeMeritte. Owing to some unfavorable circumstances, but little had been accomplished beyond preliminary arrangements. The report of the committee was received, and at their urgent request they were relieved from further duty. The motion was carried to make an effort to obtain the charter in Maine, at the coming session of its legislature, and the care was committed to Mrs. J. Burnham Davis, Mrs. B. F. Hayes, and Mrs. G. C. Waterman.

The report of the Committee on the Literature and Incidental Fund was given by its chairman, Mrs. Brewster. A large number of blanks for reporting had been printed, and several leaflets, but the small amount of money contributed for the objects of the fund hindered the work. The committee recommended the publication of Reminiscences of our India Mission in book form. The committee for the coming year are Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. H. K. Clark, and Miss Amelia Wa-

terman, of Rhode Island.

The Committee on Nominations was Mrs. Hills, of New Hampshire; Mrs. Davison, of Rhode Island; and Mrs. Dexter,

of Massachusetts.

A proposition from Mrs. Daggett, the publisher of *Historical Sketches* of the various Woman's Missionary Societies, was presented. It was received with favor, the work indorsed, and Mrs. Brewster appointed agent for its sale. Adjourned.

### Thursday Morning.

The session was opened with prayer offered by Mrs. Burlingame. The Committee on Nominations reported through its chairman, and the following officers were elected. (See

page 2 of Report.)

Mrs. Andrews was excused from serving on the Committee of Missionary Intelligence, and Miss May Bisbee was chosen to fill the vacancy. The thanks of the Society were cordially extended to Mrs. Andrews for her efficient service in the department of letters.

It was voted to print a thirty-two page report as supplement to the MISSIONARY HELPER, under the care of a committee of the three following ladies, Mrs. Brewster, Mrs.

Clark, and Mrs. Tourtelott.

Notice was given by Mrs. Hayes that at the next regular meeting of the Society action would be taken to so amend Article IV. of the Constitution as to make the treasurer of the Society a member ex officio of the Board of Managers.

### Anniversary Exercises.

These pleasant exercises, always looked forward to with interest, were opened with singing the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hayes. The president announced as the watchword in our work, the old but ever glorious command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lowell, was read by Mrs. G. C. Waterman. Mrs. Ramsey presented the report of the home secretaries. Each was a grand review of the work of the year, and called for gratitude that so much

was accomplished.

Miss DeMeritte presented the treasurer's report for the year. It was prefaced by the gratifying statement that we

were not in debt. These reports were all accepted.

Mrs. E. W. Porter, of Massachusetts, was then introduced, and pleasantly read a paper on "Home Missionary Work." The discussion of the theme began with the work in the home and broadened into the field so wide and needy.

Mrs. Dr. Wiley followed with a very concise and pointed address on "The Anglo-Saxons." A bugle-call from India was echoed by Mother Hills, and the session adjourned.

MRS. J. L. TOURTELOTT,

Recording Secretary.

# REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

NEARLY a century since, William Carey uttered these memorable words: "I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the ropes." He did go down into the pit of heathenism, and with true christian heroism quarried many a gem for his Master's use. As the years have passed, hundreds of noble men and women, hearing the cry that comes ringing down through the ages, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," have followed in his steps. Of the lights and shadows incident to the work of our own little band, bravely toiling in those dark mines, some idea may be gained by the following brief reports:

# WORK IN INDIA. MIDNAPORE RAGGED SCHOOLS.

Mrs. J. L. Phillips writes:

"Notwithstanding many trying experiences, the general progress has been much greater, and the work in every sense far more cheering than in any previous year. The fever, which raged so terribly during the rains, nearly closed some of our schools, and sent no small number of children to their graves. But with the cold season health returned, the schools revived, and we now number 553 pupils.

Our first great cause for cheer is the improvement in our teachers. Truly, if a single man had not entered the Bible school it would have done a blessed work, such marked progress we see in the teachers who have enjoyed its privileges.

Last, but in no sense least, our little Industrial, now numbering sixty, with twelve girls, who have been brought in, in the face of much opposition, is a source of constant encouragement. The new Deputy-Inspector of schools is taking a lively interest in this, and has given the first class the course of study necessary to obtain a vernacular scholarship. I can but hope we may see the Industrial a power for good. Truly the Lord is blessing and helping us."

Miss Hooper, who now has the care of Mrs. Lawrence's schools, writes: "I will try to let you know from time to time how these schools are progressing. Randall and Korsoli, his wife, are the teachers, and two more faithful native Christians, I think it would be difficult to find. When I told Korsoli that the funds Mr. Lawrence had left for the school were about exhausted, and I didn't know that any more would come, she replied, 'I told the women and children that I should help them all I could in teaching them to read and sew, whether I get pay for it or not.' And Randall says, 'I'll try till I die, before I give my school up.' So you see they have the right spirit, and any efforts you may be able to make for them will be appreciated."

## WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT IN BIBLE SCHOOL.

#### REPORT OF MISS HATTIE PHILLIPS.

"During the year the names of thirty-two pupils were enrolled. Of these a class of ten beginners, composed mostly of the wives of students, was given into the hands of the wife of the native pastor, and came to me only for monthly examinations. The remainder, as during the previous year, were under the instruction of native pundits and myself. I am compelled to admit that I do not think native women, as a rule, are possessed of either quick perceptions or retentive memories. But years of cultivation no doubt will develop powers not now seen. Even during the short time these have been under my observation, I have been gratified to observe marked improvement.

A system of weekly written reports in connection with their prayer-meetings was adopted; this, with the blessing of the Master, wrought a most desirable change in the moral atmosphere of the little community. From open brawls of almost weekly occurrence, quarrels grew less violent, less frequent, and were quietly adjusted among themselves, so that for six or seven months not one occurred requiring outside interfer-

ence.

During the cold season circumstances rendered it impracticable for me to be out in the district, the absence of others making it necessary for me to remain in charge of work in the station; but a delightful vacation in the hills has given fresh life and vigor for the work of the new year.

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FROM MARCH 31, 1881, TO MARCH 31, 1882.

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To salary of teachers  " " ssistant  " Conveyance to and from schools  " Support of a child  Extras paid to 9 work-	66 7 54 30	2 12	2	By Balance in hand " Cash from Woman's Board	95 244	7	
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#### MIDNAPORE - ZENANA WORK.

Miss Mary Bacheler writes: "For the first six months of the past year I was engaged in instructing the zenana teachers. During these months they made very fair progress, and the discipline they received from study made them more efficient teachers. The school was held in the morning, from seven till ten. In the afternoon I often taught in zenanas, when the pupils wished to take studies with which our teachers are not sufficiently familiar to teach. One of my houses was that of the Head Master of the Midnapore college. He called me to his house to teach his motherless daughter, of about eleven. He wished her to study English as well as some branches of Bengalee, and particularly, he asked me to give her moral instruction, because 'she had no mother to teach her.'"

#### BALASORE - ZENANA WORK AND SCHOOLS.

From Miss Ida Phillips report: "The work in the zenanas is still hopeful. Bible instruction is willingly received, and good progress made by the pupils in their studies; still we are astonished, at times, as we observe the tenacity with which some of these people hold to their ancient faith, even after years of instruction.

"The teachers have shown more interest than ever before in preparing themselves for their work. In this, I am sure, our friends would rejoice with us most heartily, if they knew what have been the difficulties of obtaining competent teachers. A number of the pupils in our schools have made very commendable progress in their studies. Several of them passed the government primary examination, and received prizes for proficiency. I was very much pleased to notice the kindness with which the inspecting babu treated the little girls who were to be examined. They had never been publicly examined before, and were very shy at meeting all the strange people.

"Another pleasant occurrence is the opening of a new school. There are thirty-four pupils in this school, all girls. Some weeks since a woman came to Una, one of our teachers, with a very urgent request for her to open a school in Manikham (a division of Balasore). Fortunately I was able to supply a teacher at once. The people of the place have contributed to some extent, and a small addition to the house is being made, for the better accommodation of the school.

"There have been in all, eight schools kept up during the past year, eighteen teachers employed, and, including both zenana and school pupils, 350 persons are under instruction."

ZENANA ACCOUNT (BALASORE) FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1881.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Gov. grant				480		
By Appropriation of Board			1	665		
" Mission Committee				216		
" Books				22	12	
" Wool*				120	11	3
" Special Donations				293	9	
To Teachers and Servants	1310	6	1	- 70	1	
" Conveyances	236	7		1		
" Books	53	5	2	-		
" Wool		1	2			
" Buildings	54 80	14	2			
" Prizes	21	12	1			
N	1756	15		1798	13	1
Balance	41	14	1	.,		
	1798	13	1	1798	13	1

<sup>\*</sup>We keep wool always on hand to sell to the zenana pupils. It is sold at a price to cover all costs. The balance on hand of the wool account is due to the fact that a large amount had been purchased in the December of 1880, just before this opens, and so the sales appear large compared to expenditure.

#### BHIMPORE.

From the report of Mrs. Burkholder: "During the past year seven ragged schools have been taught by our Christian women. Aside from the day-school, each teacher has a service for her pupils every Sabbath afternoon.

"We are happy to be able to report an increase in the Girls' Training School. Two years ago, we began this school with only two pupils, and found it difficult to persuade others to attend. Now we have between twenty and thirty. The most of them are very poor, and dependent upon their own efforts for their support. Now that we have an Industrial, these girls are allowed two hours each morning for study, and the remainder of the time is spent in work of different kinds.

"Secular instruction is by no means all that is aimed at. Daily Bible lessons are given, and a weekly prayer-meeting is held especially for the girls. A number of them have

begun a life of prayer.

"We hope for greater results for the future."

#### HARPER'S FERRY.

#### MRS. BRACKETT'S REPORT.

"If our yearly greeting could be a rehearsal of our plans for the future, with how much more enthusiasm we could write. At the very mention of the word report, there comes up such an array of the ghosts of what we failed to do, with their smiles of derision, that all thoughts of what has been done vanish. May I not give them a little time to gain confidence by mentioning again one plan we are so anxious to carry out? I refer to the furnishing a sitting-room for the boys in Lincoln Hall, as has been done for the girls in Myrtle Hall.

"If we cannot urge it upon the society as a part of woman's work for woman—is not helping the mothers to care for their boys, woman's work?—we may hope that some of the favored mothers will try to aid these unfortunate ones, who are deprived of their highest duty and privilege—the home-training of their children, through the necessity of going out to ser-

vice.

"The success of the arrangement in Myrtle Hall is more satisfactory every year. Though under the direction of a pupil, as with so small a sum to carry it on it must necessarily be, and hence cannot reach the usefulness it might under the care of an able matron, still the opportunity it affords to bring about regularity of meals and wholesome diet has improved the health of the girls, and removed the greatest objection to self-boarding.

"Each year our work becomes more like that of other schools, though we still have many who know the horrors of slavery,

some, who at quite a mature age are just learning to read. As our work becomes more for those who have not felt directly the corrupting influences of slavery, we are forced to the sad conclusion, that there has not been the improvement morally that we could wish. But how could it be expected while there is so little of home life. Until the fathers are more generally able to support their families, or the mothers to remain at home with their children, a large part of the work of the schools of the South must be to supply, or to counteract, the deficiency of home-training.

"Our books, slightly increased in number the past year, have found their places on the new shelves in the Roger Williams Library, where there is plenty of unoccupied space, which we hope our friends will be interested to fill. Empty places for apparatus in our new building, we trust, will also, at no distant day, attract the attention of the liberal."

#### MISS BRACKETT'S REPORT.

Miss Brackett says: "I feel inclined to confine my report to life in 'Myrtle Hall,' as, with one exception, I was there every night for ten months. The fall term was quiet and uneventful. The almost perfect autumn weather, and bracing air of our mountains, seemed to make study and work easy. Many familiar faces and many new ones filled the rooms. The winter term was marked by a most precious religious awakening. An encouraging feature of the revival was that its influence seemed not to leave the school for the remainder of the year.

"At the close of the first half of the school-year, I congratulated myself that we had not once been obliged to call a physician to the house. Suddenly, our matron was attacked with diphtheria, which was prevailing to an alarming extent in many of the surrounding towns. 'Your rooms are too well ventilated for you to fear anything but a mild form of the disease,' was the consoling assurance of our physician, to whose skillful treatment the disease quickly yielded. Of the ten cases that followed, only one was at any time considered serious. I cannot speak too highly of the conduct of the young ladies during this trying time. They stood by their sick school-mates like sisters. There was never any lack of efficient nurses, no panic, no neglect of routine duties, and soon the cloud had passed, leaving no vacant places, nothing but an increased confidence in the girls of Myrtle Hall, and

thankfulness to a loving Father for his care. In the course of the school year, two of our number went home to die, vic-

tims of the same disease, hereditary consumption.

"Both were motherless; both were converted and baptized while at school; both were unexeptional in deportment and studies; refined young ladies, from whom we hoped much in the future. Both were triumphant in their death. The ravages of consumption in our school are fearful. Would that we could do more in the future to help overcome the enemy that has taken so many of our promising pupils."

#### MISS FRANKLIN'S REPORT.

"The school year of '81 and '82 is a thing of the past, and to give a report of its labors that would convey any adequate idea of the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, the benefits and blessings that fell to the lot of teachers and pupils at Storer, would require a skillful pen. It opened with a larger number of pupils than ever before. One prominent feature was, a large number of them were much younger than they had formerly been. To those who have watched the progress of education among the freedmen, this means a great deal. It means that the day has come when the advantages of education are no longer held as with an iron grasp from the youth of our race, but that while the mind is 'wax to receive and marble to retain,' they may be taught something besides the duties of a good servant. And while it has been a pleasure to teach the older ones, the pleasure has been a sad one; for it is much harder to learn one's letters at thirty than at six; harder to understand long division at forty than at eight; and harder still to put one's pride in the pocket, and go day after day into classes with those so much younger. It is at such times as these that the unbidden tears rush to your eyes, as you guide the untutored hand in forming letters, and think, 'O, how willingly would I learn for you, if I could.' But they do learn. I cannot tell you how many came to us last fall unable to write their names, who, when they left in the spring, could write a letter. There is one thing of which I am certain. The problem of negro education has been solved, and Storer Normal School is helping with the demonstration.

"Probably last year was a more trying one for both teachers and pupils than any previous one. The scraping sound of the mason's trowel, the ring of the carpenter's hammer, and the constant tramping of feet, marred sadly the wonted quiet of our hall. But the year, though fraught with much that was hard to endure, yet was a kind and generous year. Goodness and mercy followed us through all its days; and when the blessed revival came, and many precious souls found Christ, our cup of joy was indeed full to overflowing.

"On the 20th of May, the anniversary exercises were held; and O the pleasure of seeing the friends of the school enjoy comfortable seats, where they could both see and hear! And we closed the year's work thanking God for Anthony

Hall."

#### THE MISSING ONES.

It will be seen from the above reports, that the names of two of our former workers, two who assisted in our last year's report, are not seen in this. The Despoiler has been among our treasures.

"Nearly a year since, the news came with startling suddenness, 'Mrs. Lawrence is dead!' Yes! 'Our Frankie,' the fair young wife, the loving teacher, whose winning qualities of mind and soul made a place for her in every heart, dropped the work she loved so well, and, when hopes were the brightest and life the most precious, laid her down to die. In that strange land, far from her childhood's home, they made her

grave, and left her with her God.

"Scarcely had we recovered from the shock of this sore bereavement, when, over the swift wires flew another announcement. "Miss Crawford is no more!" It was a terrible blow;
and a wail of sorrow, from every direction, followed the intelligence. Our own Miss Crawford, the glorious woman, who
for many a year had borne the burden and heat of the day,—
how could she be spared? What a noble record is hers! A
life of almost uninterrupted toil, bravely bearing trials of no
common kind, often fighting disease, and never laying aside
her armor, till the work fell from her reluctant hands! To
human vision, these seem dark providences, and the cry
comes from our inmost hearts, who shall fill our thinning
ranks? The young and the old are dropping by the wayside;
on whom shall their falling mantles rest?"

#### ENCOURAGEMENTS.

At a meeting of the managers of this Society held last June, Miss Mary Bacheler, who for several years has labored efficiently as a zenana teacher, received the appointment of a missionary. It was also decided to adopt Mrs. D. F. Smith, and station her at Jellasore, to take the place vacated by Miss Crawford, this action to be subject to the approval of the Foreign Mission Board. At its recent meeting, that Board approved the action of the Woman's Board. Should Mrs. Smith accept the appointment, Miss Hattie Phillips, who is temporarily supplying the station at Jellasore, will return to her work at Midnapore, where she is very much needed. This appointment of Mrs. Smith has been received with general satisfaction. That one whose years of earnest toil in the mission field, peculiarly qualify for the task, one whom our lamented Miss Crawford so loved and honored, should take up the work she has relinquished, seems eminently fitting.

And now, as we complete the ninth annual report of this Society, we can but exclaim, "Hitherto has the Lord helped us." Though the retrospect of the past years is not what we wish it were; though the work accomplished may seem small in the aggregate; yet, thankful for the little that has been performed, and looking forward hopefully to the future, may we each with renewed zeal, with a deeper consecration, do with our might what our hands find to do, assured that "better things are to follow."

MRS. J. A. LOWELL.

# REPORTS OF THE HOME SECRETARIES.

TIME in its rapid flight has borne us to the close of another year, the ninth year of our existence as a society. As we stand on this utmost verge, we feel constrained to cast our eyes for a moment backward over the past, the irretrievable past! What record concerning us have its flying hours borne to Heaven? When the books are opened, to whom will it be said "She hath done what she could."

While we acknowledge that we have been unprofitable servants, we are constrained to magnify the grace of our God, who with loving patience has watched over our timid steps, and blessed our feeble efforts. He has so supported us by His strength, and guided us by His unerring wisdom, that we have succeeded in whatever we have undertaken in His name.

In reviewing

#### OUR WORK IN THE PAST

we behold its fruits with grateful joy. In the far-off field of our Foreign Mission, we have sisters whom we have helped to lift up out of the miseries and degradations of heathenism into the fellowship of saints, and into the liberty of the children of God. There are children whose eyes are being turned away from the dumb idols their fathers have worshiped, to see Him who is the light and the salvation of the world; whose feet, through our assistance, are being taken out of the horrible pit, and set in the ways of righteousness and peace. Is it not the highest privilege of our lives that we have been permitted to be the almoners of the divine bounty to them?

In our own country, we have the happiness of knowing that we have assisted in a most beneficent work. We have helped to raise the heavy burdens of ignorance and poverty from an oppressed race, and our work will be felt in the uplifting of all classes.

While we thank God for the opportunities of the past, we ought to feel that His blessing on our labor comes to us with the force of a command for greater efforts and wider work. Christ has given to his disciples the bread wherewith the famishing multitude should be fed. They who break it freely find it increasing in their hands, so that of what remains they are more than satisfied; but they who look on the little loaves complaining that there is no more than enough for themselves, soon discover that their hands are empty, and their souls famishing.

We would remember with devout gratitude that all the missionaries supported by this Society have been sustained through the arduous toils of another year, and no uncommon bereavement has fallen on us, among our native sisters or our home workers; and yet, we come together under a dark shadow. Death has been busy in our mission field. One whose sweet and earnest spirit gave promise of great usefulness has gone in her youth and beauty; and one, whose long years of faithful labor have linked her name with the heroes and martyrs of all ages, has heard the Master's call to a higher service. Sickness, also, is among our toilers in that fever-stricken clime, and a cry for help comes to us over the sea—a cry laden with the wants and woes of the 3,000,000 souls committed to our care.

#### THE GREAT QUESTION

is, what response shall we make to these cries? Shall we plunge ourselves so deep in our own selfish interest that this wail of woe which moves all Heaven, passes us by unheeded? Shall we dare to say in the presence of Him who has loaded our hand with His bounties, that we are not able to do more? The year on which we are entering is

#### OUR DECENNIAL YEAR.

Our sisters of other denominations observe the decennial year of their organization by special thank offerings to God for His blessing on themselves, on their families, and on their work. Is there one among us who will not be glad to mark this period by a gift that will express her gratitude and love to Him who gives us all? Are there not some on whom He has bestowed so much that they will delight to offer largely? Shall we not build the Sanitarium among the hills of India and offer it as a thank-offering to our God?

#### OUR MAGAZINE.

We are glad to report that the Helper still continues to be a blessing and a financial success; and now, when we propose to offer it as a monthly for a small advance in the price, we ask for the earnest cooperation of all our sisters to sustain it, and make it a wider blessing. Though our beloved sister, who has been from the first its faithful editor, has been passing through deep affliction, yet we thank God that He has sustained her, and given her strength to go forward with her work.

#### THE INCIDENTAL AND LITERATURE FUND

needs to be greatly increased, and we ask all our auxiliaries to remember it — not by appropriating to it money raised for mission work, but by giving at least five cents to a member more than they otherwise pay. Such a fund, so raised, would burden no one, and be of great service in our work.

From the report of the committee we find that hundreds of blanks for reporting have been printed and most of them distributed, a thousand copies of constitution for Q. M. Societies, a large number of a leaflet for auxiliaries, embracing the constitution recommended by the Society, hints for organization, and other helpful matter. All of these are for gratuitous distribution. Considerable time and thought have been

given to small leaflets designed as little messengers to stir up the mind by way of remembrance and to encourage to action. The committee recommend the issue, in book form, of *Reminiscences of our India Mission*.

#### THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND EXCHANGE.

This department has during the past year sent out about forty packages of missionary material and helps, twice the number sent out last year. This is apart from the distribution of circulars and the writing of letters. A large amount of material has been received, still much more is necessary

to supply the increasing demand.

The Bureau receives many calls from small and weak churches, and from societies just organized, which are casting about for means to arouse an interest in their new effort, and in the cause for which they work. Some of the responses are gratifying, showing that the Bureau is helpful. We trust that it may be of greater value and service in the future.

#### THE DISTRICT REPORTS

are still imperfect, but we rejoice in a marked advance in system and organization during the past year.

#### MAINE.

Penobscot District — Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Wade, Dover. 2. M. Secretaries.

Aroostook, Miss Addie M. Gammon,
Presque Isle.
Ellsworth, Mrs. E. Harding, Ellsworth.
Worth.
Houlton, Mrs. H. Haskell, Hodgdon.

Montville, Mrs. E. G. Eastman,
Rockland.
Prosperity and Unity,
Springfield, Mrs. S. E. Graves,
Springfield.

Mrs. Wade reports an increasing interest in mission work. Some new auxiliaries have been formed, but it is impossible to make a complete report, because the necessary information has not been forwarded to her by the secretaries of the Quarterly Meetings. The money raised this year is \$288.55, a gain over last year of \$61.61.

Maine Central District—Secretary, Mrs. E. N. Fernald, Lewiston.

# 2. M. Secretaries.

Anson, Mrs. O. E. SAVAGE, New Portland.

Bowdoin, Mrs. H. M. WHITE, Richmond.

Farmington, Mrs. A. D. TAYLOR, Bean's Corner.

Mrs. Fernald says: "The Q. M. Secretaries have been prompt and faithful, but until each auxiliary sends an accurate report it will be impossible to give more than an approximate statement of the whole work."

Of the five Quarterly Meetings, only three are actively engaged in the woman's work, but in these Q. M's the growth is manifest and hopeful. Those engaged in the work acknowledge it as a great blessing to their own souls. Through this medium they draw near to Christ, and feel the inspiration of His overflowing love. They have learned that "He that watereth is himself watered!" They feel that every blessing they confer flows back with a hundred fold value into their own lives.

The Bowdoin Q. M. leads in this district, having fifteen auxiliaries and three children's bands. These bands not only give present aid, but they promise trained workers for the future. In the whole district there are: Auxiliaries, 28; children's bands, 4; auxiliaries formed during the year, 4; money raised in three quarters, \$442.38.

Besides the money reported, the Farmington Q. M. has sent gifts of clothing and bedding to Harper's Ferry.

MAINE WESTERN DISTRICT — SECRETARY, Mrs. V. G. RAMSEY, NORTH BERWICK.

# 2. M. Secretaries.

York Co., Mrs. F. C. Bradeen, North Berwick. Cumberland, Mrs. E. Blake, Steep Falls.

Parsonsfield, Mrs. E. Guptill, Cornish. Otisfield, Mrs. S. R. Barrows, East Otisfield.

We are forced to lament that in this district many are indifferent to the great work in which we are engaged, yet we have the pleasure to report an advance. During the year a Y. M. Society has been organized, also Q. M. Societies in the Parsonsfield and Otisfield Quarterly Meetings. The women in this district have undertaken, as their especial work, the support of Miss Mary Bacheler, of Midnapore, India. All have not as yet united in this effort. We think enough has been raised to accomplish this object if there had been, as we hope there may be in the future, complete cooperation. The greatest advance has been made in the Otisfield Q. M. Society. This Q. M. has paid more in proportion to its numbers than any other, having nearly, if not quite, raised the sum apportioned to them for Miss Bacheler's support.

There are in this district nineteen auxiliaries and eight bands.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. J. T. WEEKS, LACONIA.

## 2. M. Secretaries.

- New Durham, Mrs. A. J. EASTMAN, Pittsfield.
- Rockingham, Mrs. F. K. CHASE,
- Dover.
  Wolfborough, Mrs. J. B. MANNING,
  Wolfborough.
- Wolfborough.
  Wentworth, Mrs. M. S. Webster,
  Wentworth.
- Belknap, Mrs. J. T. WEEKS, Laconia. Sandwich, Mrs. C. W. GRIFFIN, Alexandria.
- Weare, Mrs. J. H. GREELEY, Wilmot Flats.

Mrs. Weeks reports: "Although there is still great indifference in regard to the importance of missions, yet we are glad we can say we are better organized than ever before. At our last Yearly Meeting we formed a New Hampshire District Society, and Q. M. Societies have been formed in the Sandwich, Belknap, and New Durham Quarterly Meetings.

The report from this district is cheering, because it shows an advance and proves how much might be done by systematic effort. In the Belknap Q. M. something has been done in every church except two. The Rockingham Q. M. leads in this district, and the Washington Street Church, Dover, though afflicted by the heavy loss of their church-building by fire, still continue their beneficent work for others.

In this district there are: Auxiliaries, 16; bands, 7; money raised, \$660.07; gain over last year, \$199.48.

#### VERMONT.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. F. P. EATON, CORINTH.

2. M. Secretaries.

- Wheelock, Mrs. G. M. Prescott, Lyndon Center.
  Strafford, Mrs. Orvis S. Tracy.
- Stanstead, Miss F. Moulton, Stanstead, P. Q. Corinth, Mrs. F. P. EATON, Corinth.

Mrs. Eaton reports: "The mission interest has been very well sustained the past year. We have some earnest workers, and we anticipate renewed efforts on the part of many, when it is understood that Mrs. Smith is our missionary to support. The woman's mission meetings, held in connection with our Quarterly Meetings and our Yearly Meeting, have been interesting and profitable, as they have not only helped to keep an interest alive, but they have increased and extended it. We usually take a collection, which seems to meet the approval of our brethren. We pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire us with a deeper interest in the great work of extend-

ing the kingdom of our Lord, and of saving the souls for which He died."

This district has: Auxiliaries, 13; bands, 4; money raised, \$168.66. Besides the money, valuable contributions of bedding and clothing have been sent to Kansas and to Harper's Ferry.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. E. W. PORTER, LOWELL.

Mrs. Porter says: "We have failed to accomplish as much as we hoped in this district. Yet I feel safe to say some foundation work has been done, on which we hope a structure may be raised creditable to the women of the Old Bay State. Our numbers are small, but some of us feel deeply that the work laid at our door is not trifling."

The liberal contributions from the auxiliaries in this district prove that there are earnest and self-sacrificing laborers in the field. No statistics are reported.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. E. H. ANDREWS, PROVIDENCE.

Mrs. Andrews reports: "The Rhode Island district comprises the R. I. Association and the Western R. I. Quarterly Meeting. This Quarterly Meeting is composed of a few small churches in the country. The work among them has not been what it might and ought to have been. There are in those churches warm-hearted christian women, who only need to have the missionary cause faithfully presented, to enlist their sympathy and financial support. In the R. I. Association there are twenty-six churches, twenty of which have contributed to our work. The most important step of the year was the organization of a district society. Our annual meeting does not occur till next month, and it is impossible to give a complete report of our work, but we feel that our organization is an assured success. The officers of this society are, President, Mrs. L. Dexter, Blackstone, Mass.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. S. Frost, Pawtucket; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Andrews, 11 Hudson Street, Providence.

"In the past we had assumed only the support of Miss Hattie Phillips, but this year ten different objects have claimed

our attention, and the promptness and regularity of our payments prove that knowledge of mission work, both at home

and abroad, is making sure and steady progress."

The Basis of Work assumed at the beginning of the year required them to raise \$1,000. They have nobly exceeded this, having raised \$1,356.17. The work done in this district is most encouraging, and it will be a joy and inspiration to many hearts in every part of the denomination. While we accord to our sisters of Rhode Island the honor of leading us, we ought to be ashamed to lag so far behind them. Allowing one-half the members in the churches to be women, they have paid an average of 7oc. to each woman. have done this easily, not because they are richer than others, not because they have not heavy burdens of home work, but because their souls are stirred with pitying love for a world perishing for lack of knowledge; because they long for the time when the Lord they love shall be exalted, when His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and all nations shall call Him blessed. With this inspiration in their hearts, they have systematized their work till their influence is felt on the cause so dear to their hearts. Even here all are not working, and those who are have not reached the measure of their strength. We look for still greater things from them.

In this district there are: Auxiliaries, 15; bands, 6; money contributed, \$1,356.17; a gain over last year of \$582.90.

Contributions have been received from thirteen churches where there is no organization.

#### WISCONSIN.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. O. H. TRUE, STEWART, GREEN Co.

Mrs. True reports that in the large district assigned to her, the work is not well systematized, and there are great difficulties because the churches are so widely separated. Still the cause is advancing as the importance of mission work is being better understood. She says: "There are ten societies in working order, and some Sabbath Schools are doing well. A goodly number take the Helper, and that is doing a good work. We hope a large delegation of Eastern women will attend the General Conference to be held in Iowa next year, and show the Western women how to work." The women in this district have raised for Home and Foreign work, \$264. A large part of this does not come into our treasury.

#### INDIANA.

NORTHERN YEARLY MEETING, DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. H. W. VAUGHN, LA GRANGE.

"In accepting the office of district secretary, I hoped to accomplish something in organizing auxiliaries and raising funds, but so far I have done nothing. Let me tell you some of the hindrances. Northern Indiana extends over a large territory. Salem Quarterly Meeting is a hundred miles south of us, White County a hundred and fifty southwest, and the Noble seventy miles east. The distances are so great that I am not able to reach them. Our Quarterly Meeting, the La Grange, is doing nobly for the support of Rev. Brother Coldren, and some of the churches in the Noble Q. M. are assisting in the same work. We are pledged to support him two years longer, and then, if the parent society assumes his support, we may be able to do something in the woman's work. My heart is sad, and I long to do more. I hope the time will come when we shall have an auxiliary in every church. I shall try to extend the circulation of the HELPER."

Indiana Yearly Meeting, District Secretary, Miss Fannie T. Jaquith, Wright's Corner.

We have no report from this district, but we hope that our sisters there are working for God, if not in connection with this organization. Our Western frontier presents a needy field. Let it not be forgotten by those who have all the comforts of life about them, on the fruitful prairies of Indiana.

#### ILLINOIS.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. J. P. PRICKETT, COURTLAND, DEKALB Co.

Mrs. Prickett reports: "My heart is truly in the work of missions, but the circumstances under which I have been placed are such that I have not been able to do anything. Oh, I wish we had more in these Western States who would take hold of the work and do something in the good cause."

We can not doubt that we have many sisters in Illinois, whose hearts are stirred by the spirit of Christ to do more for the extension of his kingdom and the salvation of souls. We entreat them, as they value the precious privileges of a christian civilization, and the hopes of eternal life, to find ways to

carry their desires into execution. While God is blessing them with abundance let them not forget that every gift increases our obligation.

#### IOWA.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MISS LOU E. CHAMPLIN, WATERLOO.

Miss Champlin says: "Though our report must be a meagre one, still we can say there is life among us, and where there is life there is hope. We are earnestly praying for an increase of the missionary spirit, and for the time when every church shall have a band of earnest workers."

Only three organized societies are reported in this district, but there are some faithful workers, who, in the small churches, act as collectors, and do what they can to create an interest

in the Quarterly Meetings.

The little society at Wilton has passed through great trials, still it bravely holds on its way, rejoicing to assist in the great work. Miss Champlin says: "Dear Sisters, do not forget this faithful few in your prayers, and if some of you will write them a letter it will do them good." Their secretary is Mrs. L. Toothaker, Wilton Junction.

The society at Edgecomb, secretary, Mrs. Thera B. True,

continues its work successfully.

The society at Waterloo report that there is an increasing interest in mission work, not only in the woman's society but in the whole church; and this interest is attributed to the faithful efforts of their pastor. They hope to raise, for home and foreign work, at least a sum equal to one dollar a member. The example of this church must be an inspiration to all around them, and we pray that the example of this pastor may awaken other pastors to their duty.

# WEST VIRGINIA.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MISS L. E. BRACKETT, HARPER'S FERRY.

Miss Brackett reports: "I think we have made some progress during the year. Perhaps the women are no more interested than last year, but they are better organized. School work and the care of Myrtle Hall, leave me little time for visiting the churches, or for correspondence, but I know there are enthusiastic workers in this section." Miss Brackett being from home when reporting, was not able to give statistics of their work.

Mrs. Griffin, Home Secretary for New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario, reports the work under her care, with indications of marked progress during the year, as follows:

#### NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

#### CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Several years ago the eight Yearly Meetings of New York and Pennsylvania organized themselves into the Central Association. This organization has been a source of strength and is being more and more loved and upheld. In mission work it is especially efficient, and the past year has been a successful one, both in the addition of organized societies and

the increased amount of money raised.

The New York Central Yearly Meeting at its last session organized a Woman's Missionary Society, appointing Mrs. M. A. Hoose of Mexico, N. Y., secretary and treasurer. Friday evening of each session will be given to them for a missionary meeting. Who can calculate what will be the future reaping in money and enthusiasm of the seed sown in the public meetings of church, Quarterly Meeting, and Yearly Meeting societies? The Quarterly Meetings that have organized Q. M. W. M. Societies are the Chemung, Chenango, Genesee, Jefferson, McDonough, Oswego, Otsego, Owego, Rochester and Tioga. The Erie, Freedom, Monroe, Lawrence, Whitestown, Cattaraugus, and Harrisburg, though unorganized, contain some auxiliaries and bands. Number of auxiliaries in the Association, 39; mission bands, 5. For the last year the work of mission secretary for the Association has fallen to my hands. At the session recently held at Buffalo, Mrs. Nellie Dunn Gates was appointed. The outlook for the coming year is most encouraging.

### OHIO.

#### OHIO ASSOCIATION.

This association contains the four Yearly Meetings of the state. The past year has been one of great advance in organization for mission work. A State Association Woman's Missionary Society has been organized, with Mrs. H. J. Coe, of Cleveland, secretary. This perfects the chain of organization, the Church societies reporting to the Quarterly Meeting societies; these to the Yearly Meeting societies; and the latter to the State Association. May organization prove to them a power.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA, DISTRICT SECRETARY, MISS ANNA P. STOCKWELL, CLEVELAND.

2. M. Secretaries.

Ashtabula, Mrs. J. PHILLIPS, Kingsville.
Cleveland, Miss M. E. TEACHOUT,
Royalton.

Washington, Miss Emma PHILLIPS.

Two Quarterly Meetings, the Crawford and the Geauga & Portage have not yet organized. The Ashtabula was organized recently. Its future promises much of activity and genuine awakening of interest. It has auxiliaries at New Lyme and Sheffield. Of the seven remaining churches, two are hoping soon to organize, two more are using the card system, and the others reported as quite asleep. The Q. M. Secretary adds, "I hope some trumpet-blast will rouse them yet." The Cleveland Q. M. Society organized last May is still young and weak, but its rapid growth and increase of strength is a surety. All churches of this Quarterly Meeting contribute quarterly for missions. Active auxiliaries exist at Cleveland and Hinckley. The Washington Q. M. Society was organized in August with good workers. There are auxiliaries at Pageville, Sparta, Lake Pleasant, and Waterford the last two were lately organized. The Y. M. Secretary is hoping soon to assist the Crawford Q. M. in organizing for systematic work.

The warm interest felt in our missionary, Dr. Nellie Phillips, is a great help in bringing about these new organizations. The good seed she sowed in her visits to the churches has taken deep root, and thus are the fruits of her labors

already plainly seen.

Ohio District, Secretary, Miss Laura Greely, Mainville.

Of the work in this Yearly Meeting, your secretary has been unable to get any report. We can but believe it is sharing in the general awakening of the Association.

OHIO RIVER DISTRICT, SECRETARY, MRS. Z. L. CARR, JACKSON.

This Yearly Meeting has a Woman's Missionary Society, of which Mrs. T. Hooper, of Athens, is the president. Athens Q. M. has an organization, Mrs. Ella Woodyard, Athens, secretary, with auxiliaries at Raccoon and Madison. The Meigs and Jackson Quarterly Meetings have organized societies and auxiliaries at Coalton and First Kyger churches. Reports are received from only a part of this Yearly Meeting.

The secretary, after giving these facts, adds: "As to Nellie Phillips, we will meet her salary." Then comes the sentence, "Send us some blanks." Here is faith and works closely connected. Let us hear the good results.

CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT, SECRETARY, MRS. J. B. LASH, ZANESFIELD.

Our faithful worker of other years is secretary for this Yearly Meeting. Her annual report has not been received. There are earnest workers in this district, as the money given proves, but of the amounts raised, or of the societies organized, we have no definite report.

#### ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.

In August last, your home secretary spent two weeks in Canada, visiting three of our churches there and giving five addresses on India. There was but one organized society in the Association, that of the 2d Zorra Church. It has good officers and will do live work. As a result of the meetings at S. Zorra and Iona, societies were there organized which promise well. May the work begun spread till the entire Association is thoroughly aroused, and in blessing others shall receive strength to itself.

#### MICHIGAN.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. MARIA M. KOON, LISBON.

# 2. M. Secretaries.

Genesee, Mrs. E. N. WHEELER, Columbiaville. Grand Rapids, Mrs. F. F. BAILEY, E. Paris.
Hillsdale, Mrs. Agnes VanOstrand, Lansing, Mrs. F. M. WILSON, Lansing. (Oceola and Sanilac unorganized.)

Oakland, Mrs. LUKE DAKE, Salem. Oxford, Mrs. E. L. BEMER, Round. River Raisin, Mrs. J. HOLMES, Manchester. Van Buren, Mrs. O. H. P. SHELDON, Paw Paw.

This district has a Yearly Meeting society fully organized. Its present number of auxiliaries is 41; members, 469; children's bands, 4; subscribers for HELPER, 272; money raised during the year, \$726.75.

Our secretaries are reporting more promptly than ever before, and yet our report is not quite complete. The public meetings of the societies add much to the interest of the Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting sessions. The Genesee Quarterly Meeting organized four auxiliaries and one band last year.

Miss Emma Smith, the loved president of the Montcalm Q. M. Society is now on her way to India, to enter into the work she loved when here. Our sympathy, prayers and money shall be given to her. Miss Smith is the twelfth missionary that has gone to our own India Mission from our college at Hillsdale. During the past year this district has been called to give up one of its own daughters at the Father's call home, Mrs. Frankie Milliard Lawrence, of Pewamo. The memory of her gentle, useful life, though so brief in the mission field, is with us as an inspiration. And thus India is becoming more and more precious to us. In work for God, let our motto be, "Zeal and Consecration."

LIBBIE CILLEY GRIFFIN.

GILBERT'S MILLS, N. Y.

#### CLOSING REMARKS.

In estimating our woman's work we should remember the amount of money that passes through the treasury of the Woman's Mission Society, and the work laid out by that Society, do not represent all that the women of our denomination are doing. A very small part of the money raised in the West and in the Central Associations of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio passes through our treasury. We rejoice no less in their work, and bid them God-speed in all they undertake.

Dear sisters, we have enlarged our work at home and abroad. Beholding how the harvest perishes for lack of laborers, the board of managers did not dare to do otherwise than to send forth those who were ready to go into the field. But this increase of ours calls for greater efforts on our part. We must devise more liberal things. Let us begin to bring the tithes into storehouses, the tithes, not the pennies only, but the tithes. When we do this we have the promise that He for whom we labor will pour us out a blessing; and let us pray, as we have never prayed, for the blessing of God on our work.

V. G. Ramsey.

NORTH BERWICK, ME.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good."

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCO	DUNT WIT	H THE F.
B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR		
SEPT. 30, 1882.		
the second secon		DR.
To cash on hand Sept. 30, 1881		\$205 29
Cash received:		
For Foreign Missions	\$403 53	
" Zenana work	252 40	
" Miss Ida Phillips' salary and work	246 88	
" Miss Hattie Phillips' salary and work	506 59	
" Miss Mary Bacheler's salary and work	181 35	
" Mrs. O. R. Bacheler's work	67 00	
" Miss Crawford's work	137 50	
" Mrs. Julia Burkholder's work	93 05	
" Mrs. J. L. Phillips' work	129 75	
" Home Missions	147 63	
" Harper's Ferry	76 75	
" Miss Brackett's salary	132 25	
" Miss Franklin's salary	103 00	
" General work, home and foreign	832 26	
From treasurer in India	12 50	
" Interest on money invested	37 41	
Receipts for regular appropriations, \$3,359.85	- Division	
For Anthony Hall (on \$1,000 pledge)	173 26	
" Anthony Hall rooms	550 00	
" Myrtle Hall	7 68	
" Industrial Home	43 25	
" Working capital	27 30	
" Incidental and literature fund	31 98	
" Miss Franklin's salary extra	8 49	
From Storer College note	7 68	
For special appropriations not yet made	50 00	
Receipts for special appropriations, \$899.64		n no man
Total Receipts	Se le 701	\$4,259 49
Total to account for		\$4,464 78
A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR		CR.
By cash paid Miss I. Phillips, for salary as		
appropriated	\$400 00	
propriated	295 00	
" Miss Hattie Phillips, for salary		Day word A
as appropriated	400 00	
" Miss Hattie Phillips, for work as		
appropriated	100 00	

as appropriated.....

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By	ash	paid	Mrs. O. R. Bacheler, for work			
			as appropriated	\$225	00	
	6.6	44	Miss Crawford, for work as ap-	والي		
			propriated	200	00	
	46	66	Mrs. J. Burkholder, for work as		d	
			appropriated	150	00	
	66	4.6	Mrs. J. L. Phillips, for work as			
			appropriated	425	00	
	66	66	Miss Brackett, for salary as ap-	od bur		7 1000
			propriated	350	00	
	66	66	Miss Franklin, for salary as ap-			
			propriated	200	00	
	4.6	66	Mrs. Brackett, for work as ap-			
			propriated	-180	00	
	66	66	Miss French, for postage as			1/50°11
			Home Secretary	1	69	
	66	4.6	Mrs. B. H. Hayes, for postage	**	-	1 11/1/201-
			as Home Secretary	10	00	
	66	4.6	Books of record		45	
	66	66	M. A. Davis, as appropriated		00	
	6.6	44	Printing reports	0	15	
			Disbursements for regular ap-	. 09	-5	
			propriations, \$3,331.29.			
		4.6	Anthony Hall (on \$1,000 pledge)	1772	26	
	4.6	44	Anthony Hall, for rooms	173		
	4.6	66	Myrtle Hall.	550	68	
	44	66	Industrial school		-	
	66	66		•	80	
-	"	66	Miss Franklin, for salary, extra	- 7	55	
			Miss I. Phillips, on last year's	20	-6	man of the
	66	66	Literature and Incidental fund	20	36	
					-	
	66	66	to Mrs. Brewster	-	00	3670.14
100 11		100	Investment of working capital	34	64	
			Disbursements for special ap-	ν.		1000
Tota	1 4:		propriations, etc., \$885.29.			C0
			ements	117	_	\$4,216 58
Cash	on	nand	Sept. 30, 1882			248 20
A		d for	as above			¢
			as above			\$4,464 78
			nce there is due sundry items am	ountin	gt	0 \$122.90,
inclu	din	g \$50.	oo for an especial appropriation.			
			INVESTMENTS.			
Dala	10	-6	A Phillippe and a state of the	Ø	44	
			te against Storer College	\$149		
Depo			Strafford Co. Savings Bank	541	31	06
TL						\$690 53
1 n	ese	inves	tments are for	d0		
			nary	\$128		
A wo	rkii	ng ca	pital	561	95	00-0
		.00	the state of the s	10		\$690 87
Th	irty	-four	cents is due working capital from	the tr	eas	ury of the
socie			All Charles and anternations			
			LAURA A. DEMER	ITTE.	Tr	easurer.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and the investments made as per statement.

Mrs. E. B. Chamberlin, Auditor.

Receipts from the following sources:			
MaineRhode Island	\$1,315		
New Hampshire	406		
Vermont		85	- 28
Massachusetts	287		
New York	132		
Iowa	75		
Wisconsin	. 58		
Ohio	50	31	
Michigan	45	32	
Province of Quebec	32	20	
Illinois	28	65	
Missouri	28	00	
West Virginia	23	52	
Minnesota	21		
Pennsylvania		65	en airmade
Connecticut		68	
California	U	00	
Indiana	5	00	
Colorado		65	
Interest	37		
Miscellaneous	61	98	
Total receipts			\$4,259 49

Total amount contributed by the Society during nine years of its organization, \$23,941.21.

# MEMBERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE W. M. SOCIETY.

The payment of \$1.00 constitutes a member for one year.

\$20.00 constitutes a life member.

\$100.00 paid in four years constitutes an honorary life manager.

\$25.00 supports an orphan for one year in India.

\$25.00 supports a zenana teacher one year in India.

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1883.

#### INDIA.

#### Midnapore.

Salary of Miss Mary Bacheler	\$400	
Zenana work (Mrs. and Miss Bacheler)	. 200	00
Ragged schools (Mrs. J. L. Phillips.)	325	00
Schools	100	00
Salary of Miss Hattie P. Phillips	400	00
Fellasore.		
Girls' orphanage and schools	100	00
Bhimpore.		
Teachers and schools (Mrs. Burkholder)	- 80	00
Balasore.		
Salary of Miss Ida Phillips	400	00
Zenana and district work		00
Salary of Mrs. D. F. Smith	400	00
Work of Mrs. Smith		00
Not stationed.		
Miss L. C. Coombs	400	00
Towards passage	250	00
(And such additional sum as shall be necessary.)	1	
Total for India	3,325	00
HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.		
Salary of Miss Brackett	400	00
Salary of Miss Franklin	300	
For expense of study-room, kitchen, sewing teacher, etc.,	300	00
(care of Mrs. Brackett,)	180	00
Total for Normal School	\$880	00
Home missions	100	
Total\$	4,305	00

By vote of the Board, all sums that come into the treasury for the work at Harper's Ferry are thus appropriated, and the same is true of the Industrial School at Midnapore; also special bequests for the Home Mission work.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.

The object of this Society shall be to extend the Christian religion and its blessings, especially among women and children, by sending and supporting missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools in Free Baptist fields, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies.

ART. 3. The payment of \$1.00 per year shall constitute membership. \$20 life membership; and the payment of \$100 within the time of four

years, shall constitute a lady an honorable manager for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Committee on Missionary Intelligence and a Board of Managers consisting of the President, the Corresponding, Recording, and Home Secretaries, and thirteen other ladies. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are

elected and qualified.

ART. 5. The duties of President, Vice-Presidents and Recording Secretary, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

ART. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries, call meetings of the Board of Managers and special meetings of the Society, when she deems necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board.

The Home Secretaries shall maintain correspondence with the various District Secretaries, endeavor through them and others to carry forward the work of the Society, and report to the Board annually.

ART. 8. The District Secretaries shall labor to secure the formation of auxiliary societies in each church in their respective Yearly Meetings by the appointment, if they choose, of Assistant Secretaries in each Quarterly Meeting, or by any other method they may deem most effective to carry forward the work, and shall report quarterly to the Home Secretary.

The Treasurer shall carefully credit all moneys received. and shall pay out none except by order of the Board of Managers. She shall also give bond, with security satisfactory to the Managers, in a sum not less than one third the amount given by the Treasurer of the Free

Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

ART. 10. The Committee on Missionary Intelligence shall prepare and publish for circulation such items of news as it shall judge best cal-

culated to promote the object of this Society.

The Board of Managers shall select and appoint Mission-ART. II. aries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may form a quorum. This Board shall act as an associate worker with the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board, and the F. W. B. Home Mission Board, and its action in the appointment of missionaries to India and the assignment of their fields of labor, shall become final with the approval of the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board.

ART. 12. This Society shall hold its annual meeting in October, due

notice of which shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; notice of said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

# STATIONS AND WORKERS.

The following is copied from the Annual Report of the Free Baptist Mission in India. The post-office addresses of the missionaries are the same as the stations at which they labor, save that of Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder. Letters to them should be sent to Midnapore. Also address Dr. and Mrs. Phillips the same. Mark letters via Brindisi. Postage, five cents each half-ounce:

#### BALASORE.

Missionaries.

Rev. A. J. Marshall, 1873. Mrs. Marshall, 1873. Miss I. O. Phillips, 1877. M. J. Coldren, 1880.

Native Preacher. KAMAL NAYAK, 1857. Lay Preachers.

DANIEL NAYAK, 1878. SASI B. MOOKERJEE, 1878.

Pastor of the Church.

SOLOMON NAVAK, 1878.

#### JELLASORE.

Missionaries.

Rev. M. J. COLDREN (in charge). \*Miss Crawford, 1851.

Native Preachers.
SILAS CURTIS, 1848.
JOSEPH FULLONTON, 1873.

#### SANTIPORE.

Missionary in Charge. Rev. M. J. Coldren, 1880.

Rev. O. R. BACHELER, 1840. Mrs. BACHELER, 1847.

Dr. J. L. PHILLIPS, 1865. Mrs. PHILLIPS, 1865. Lay Preachers. HIRAM W. CURTIS, 1872. RAM JENA, 1881.

#### MIDNAPORE.

Miss M. E. BACHELER, 1876. Miss B. J. Hooper, 1878. Miss H. P. PHILLIPS, 1878. Native Preacher. JACOB MISRA, 1872.

## BHIMPORE.

Missionaries.

Missionaries.

Rev. T. W. Burkholder, 1878. Mrs. Burkholder, 1865.

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Lay Preachers.
SIMANTA SARRN, 1871.
DHARMA HASDA, 1874.
DULA PHILLIPS, 1878.

#### METRAPORE.

Missionary in Charge - A. J. MARSHALL.

#### PALASBANI.

Missionary in Charge.
J. L. PHILLIPS.

Lay Preacher.
TUPHAN CHANDRA CHAKDAR, 1868.

#### BABAIGADIA.

Missionary in Charge.
J. L. PHILLIPS.

Lay Preachers. JHAMPAD SANTADA, 1876. NABAKUMAR KAR, 1881.

#### DANTOON.

Missionaries.

J. L. PHILLIPS (in charge). Mrs. H. C. PHILLIPS, 1840. Miss N. M. PHILLIPS, 1881. Native Preacher.
PURNA CHANDRA BASU, 1869.
Lay Preacher.

SACHIDANANDA RAI, 1881.

<sup>\*</sup> Died April 16, 1882.

